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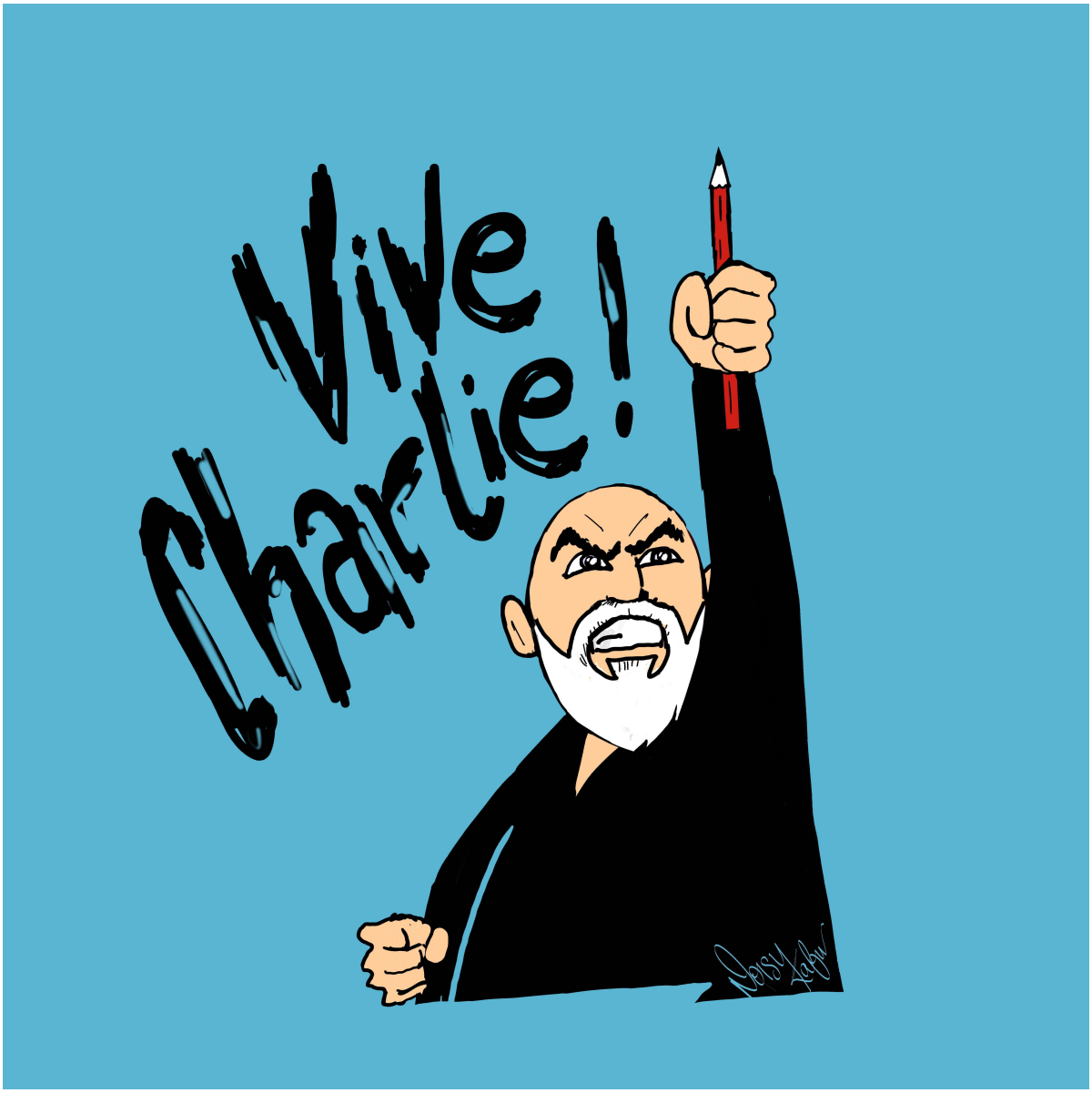

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There are 60million of us but only 646 of them

Britain's Vilest Troll - Daily Mail. Award winning Columnist, Satirist, Libertarian legend. Champion of Free Speech and a Free Society.

Once again, the political party "PLEASE ELECT ME" season is upon us, as the great and the good gather to pat each other on the back and tell the assembled media hordes what they think they would like us to hear to slide their way back into Parliament. Policy wonks and greasy pole climbers wrestle for the attention of a sympathetic ear and "image consultants" work feverishly to ensure that the slick image of politics is not wrecked by an errant off script remark or shirt tail hanging out.

Established media correspondents follow them in droves, frightened that missing out on that ever important snippet of gossip or photo opportunity will place them further down the pecking order when shouting out pointless questions to a remote Prime Minister who has just spent 3 hours being briefed on what to say by a team of spin doctors.

As you can probably tell, I am no fan of the political party. There seems little point to me in electing a person to serve in office, to represent our views when behind them stands a party whip insisting they ignore the voter and follow the party line, or else. Considering that Conservatives have a party membership of 170,000 and 307 MPs out of 650, I would dare to suggest that once re-elected, they represent the views of precisely 170,000 people - hardly a mandate to rule the rest of us.

And yet they will stand up under the lights and proclaim they are acting "for Britain". No, they are not. They are acting in the interests of their members and those who fund them. In the case of the Conservatives, 50% of the funding required to run their party came from the financial sector, likewise, Labour pulls close to 90% of it's funding from union members. You and I and around 62 million other people who live here choose not to give a penny, so we remain unrepresented in OUR Parliament, the House of Commons. No titles to be acquired unless you have a solid background in funding the election of party members to rule us.

So why do we keep electing people who do not represent us? Both Gordon Brown and David Cameron proved that a manifesto promise is not legally binding (both refused to give the UK a referendum on Europe after promising they would which in my opinion should see them both in court for fraudulent misrepresentation as a bare minimum) and will change policy and manifesto commitments more often than the lenses of the cameras they grin into whilst telling us they are "delivering" what we voted for.

We need independent candidates to stand for election. parties serve no purpose to democracy, they are controlled by whips, who in turn are controlled by lobbyists with financial interests in policy changes. I want to tell my MP how to vote on my behalf in issues that will affect me. Better still would be the much promised "referendums" that we have yet to see even debated, let alone offered. A five year term to do as you please with my liberty and my taxes, breaking promises, lying through your teeth to please the fund raising man at the annual conference is no way to be ruled, is it?

I can see how people no longer have any interest for politics. We have arrived at the one party state, meet the new boss, same as the old boss and the X Factor is back on. People are resigned to high taxes, ever fewer freedoms and just getting by in the world created for us by party politicians. So football, gossip and piss poor entertainment become the new gods, champions of our age, delivering what politicians cannot.

For reference, I do not even vote. I am not even registered to vote (which actually makes me a criminal, remarkably) because I refuse to take part in a game where one side can make up new rules as it goes along. Ideally, I would like to see 62 million MPs, each voting for their future, not relying on a weasel politician to take the power from them and then abuse it for personal gain, but that would make me an idealist and an individualist, something which strikes fear into the heart of political party. No, I shall be happy to attack all parties in my own little way, reminding them often that they represent no one apart from their dwindling memberships, pointing out to them that democracy is more than just winning a working minority or shitty coalition in Parliament every 5 years and that all the money comes from the people, Government has none of its own.

Now, X Factor or Strictly?

Vive Charlie TV

It's been an excellent week for police departments in the good old U S of A. Following a concerted effort they have maintained their position as number 1 in the world for the number of civilian deaths by police.

In one incident the poor defenceless officer felt his life was in danger by an unarmed man running away from him, so he shot him in the back 8 times, murdering him in cold blood.

In another incident a pack of rabid dogs, or as they are being officially referred to: "a group of police officers", tasered and then beat the crap out of a horse thief.

Both incidents were filmed and "unfortunately", for the police, all the police officers involved have been charged with crimes!!!

BURKAPAPA #10

by Noisykafir

FREE RAIF BADAWI

A CARTOON AGAINST EVERY LASH (17) #FreeRaif

A CARTOON AGAINST EVERY LASH (18) #FreeRaif

Aseem Trivedi is an independent cartoonist and free speech activist from New Delhi, India. He is creating a cartoon for each of the 50 lashes Raif Badawi has received. Above are numbers 17 and 18 in his series of 50. Vive Charlie will be featuring his cartoons each week so please follow him on twitter.
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Safe Spaces Shouldn't Mean That Students Are Sheltered From Ideas

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There's a growing trend in UK universities for free speech to be limited in the name

There was a time when our universities were considered to be bastions of free speech where young people could have their minds stretched and their horizons widened by challenging ideas and opinions. Universities are supposed to be temples of academia where students are compelled to formulate hypotheses and then to rigorously interrogate their ideas and beliefs to destruction. In many ways a spell at university should be a rite of passage where young people are turned from children into free-thinking adults and where intellectual rigour is strengthened and tested.

Well all that's in the past now thanks to a disturbing trend that's crossed the Atlantic Ocean and has taken root in many of the UK's universities and colleges. The idea of safe spaces is an offshoot of the political correctness virus which we also managed to import from the USA, largely thanks to the fact that we share a common language which means any old half-baked nonsense or the latest outlandish ideas can enter the UK without the need for translation or cultural realignment.

Safe spaces is an ideology based on the concept that no one on a campus should feel in any way uncomfortable or threatened by anyone, anything or even any idea. It's a concept that's wide open to abuse and manipulation and it's having a big impact on our seats of learning. Already, at least one university sporting club has been closed down for being too male and too raucous. Visiting speakers at universities have been cancelled or banned in case the subject they were going to talk about causes some delicate flower to have a fit of the vapours from hearing something that might trigger them.

I suppose I ought to explain what triggering means. Triggering refers to any idea, material or action that may cause someone to go into hysterics or feel unsafe because it reminds them of something bad that may have happened in their life. So, for example, if you were attacked by a dog when you were young, the sight of a dog in a text book or someone walking a dog around your campus might cause you to trigger and have a breakdown or feel 'uncomfortable'. Now, in reality, almost anything could be considered a trigger if you're the type of person who can't cope with anything more challenging than a Beatrix Potter book.

I could understand the concept of triggering if you'd been involved in a gun siege and your family had been killed by a mad gunman. In such a case, someone brandishing a gun might well make you feel a tad uneasy. However, the excuse of triggering is now being used to curtail free speech in campuses across the USA and it's happening here in the UK too. Almost no experience is too insignificant to invoke the trigger excuse and we've already seen it used on a number of occasions.

This obsession with protecting people's feelings and maintaining safe spaces is having a chilling effect on life at British universities. From trivial clampdowns, such as the banning of sombreros and red indian head-dresses for being cultural appropriations by white students with privilege, to the banning of a talk by Israel's ambassador to the UK by Essex University, because of students who are opposed to Israel's policy of settlement on the West Bank or its military activities in Gaza. So instead of the Israeli ambassador being thoroughly grilled and held to account by students and faculty members, demonstrating students managed to get the ambassador off the hook and banned from the university, no doubt on the pretext that his presence might trigger some Palestinian students. The only real casualty in that particular instance was free

Admittedly, at the moment a lot of safe spaces nonsense involves trivial matters like banning songs in the Student Union. For example, Robin Thicke's song 'Blurred Lines' was recently banned at one of my local universities because its lyrics were deemed to be a bit 'rapey'. But some students are going even further and reviewing the lyrics of songs of yesteryear to see if they are likely to trigger sensitive souls. I can't imagine what Gary Puckett and the Union Gap's song 'Young Girl' might do to a delicate mind. However, should students be banning anything? Banning is usually the weapon of ageing and discredited politicians clinging on to power; it shouldn't be the actions of our brightest and best young minds.

The whole charade of safe spaces reminds me of Mao Tse Tung's Cultural Revolution in 1960s China. Students were encouraged to examine every utterance for anti-communist or overtly bourgeois sentiments. Children reported their parents to the state and millions were sent for reeducation or, worse still, worked to death in the countryside. The hysteria became so bad and the revisionism so the whole rotten mess ended up turning in on itself. A similar thing happened during the French Revolution. Intolerance never ends well and the current fever that is gripping UK universities won't end well either.

There's a sad inevitability about extremists: whether It's islamic extremism, Marxism or students practicing their own brand of puritanical fervour. The exercise nearly always ends in tears and free speech ultimately suffers. The only way to avoid these sorts of things happening is to have more free speech rather than less. No subject must be off limits just to protect someone's feelings. If limits to free speech are introduced then they will be used by the unscrupulous to control behaviour, limit thinking and curtail freedoms. Universities of all places should be in the vanguard of free speech. There should be no safe spaces from ideas or opinions that students may find unpalatable. By all means have a safe physical environment but using people's hysteria or hang-ups as a tool to limit freedom of speech is the behaviour of despots and demagogues.

Free Speech on Campus?

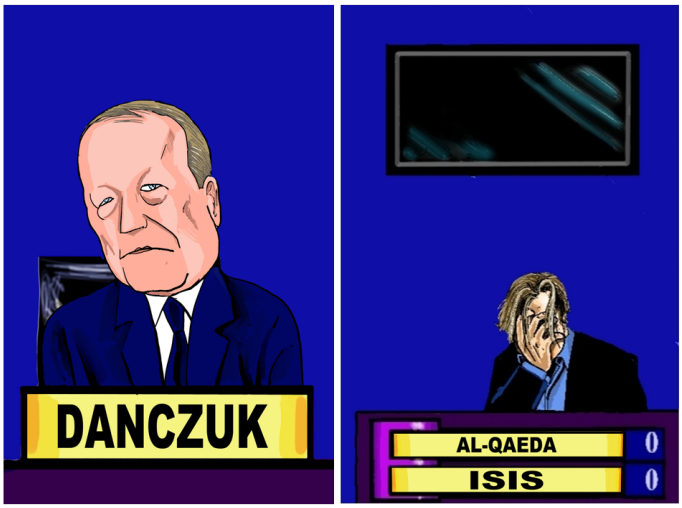
Time to stop indulging privileged militant "progressive" puritan bigots.

LINKS

Universally Challenged

Hosted by Christopher Hitchens

Hitch: This week's teams are Al-Qaeda and ISIS, with team captains Jihadi Joe and Al Baghdadi. OK, question one. What is the goal of ISIS?



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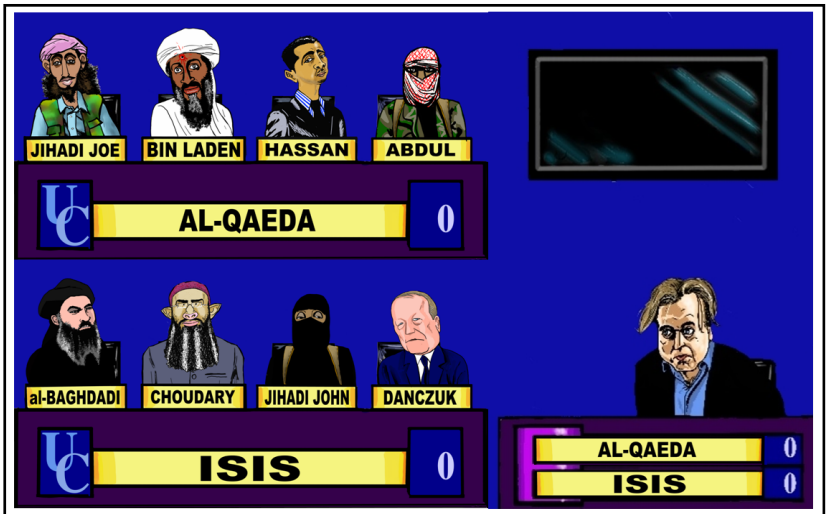
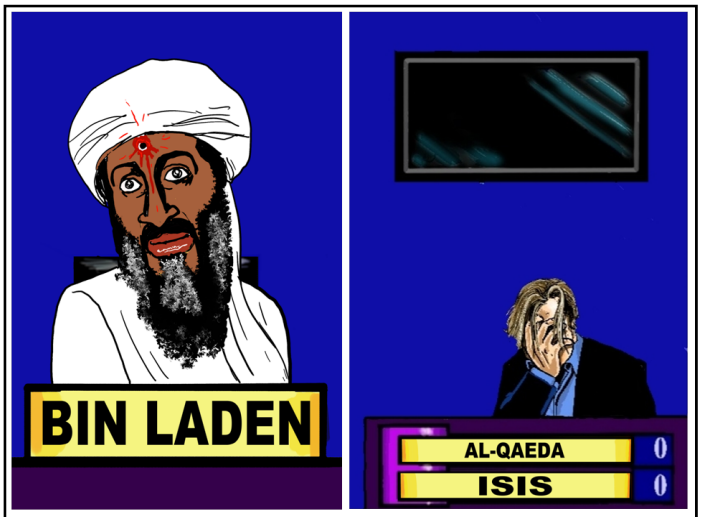
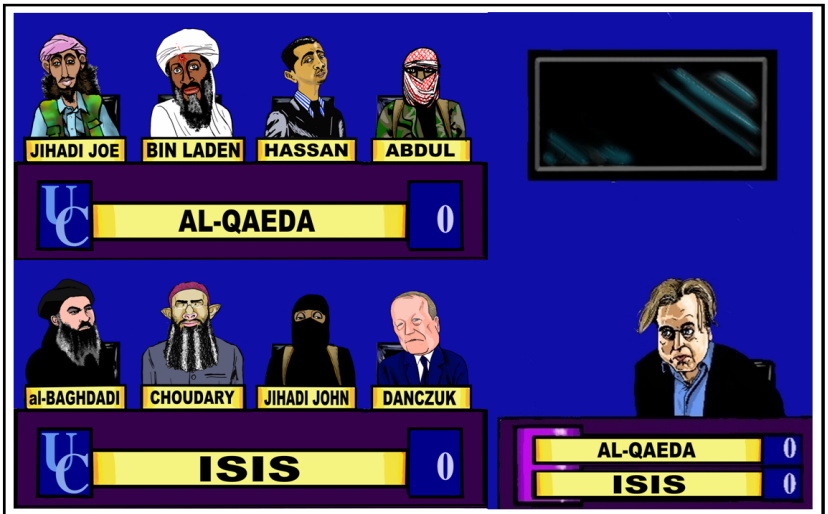


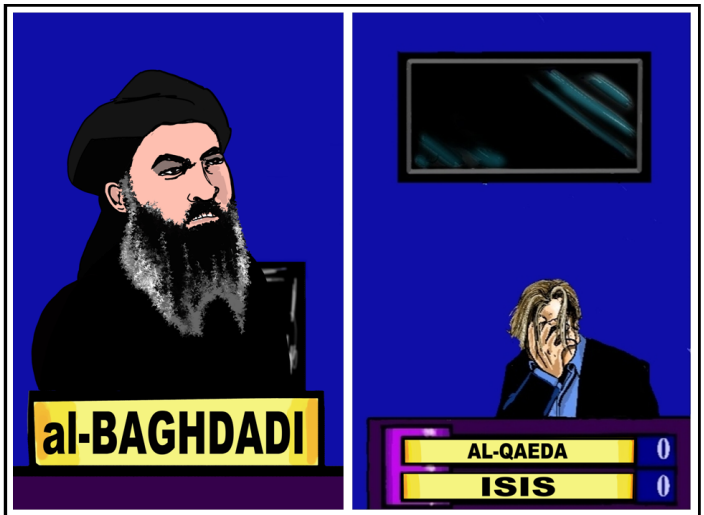
Hitch: OK, question two. What is the most effective way of promoting one's political agenda?



BUZZZ Al-Qaeda, Bin Laden: Flying passenger aircraft into very tall buildings full of innocent civilians.



Hitch: Question three. What is the fastest way to promote a religion of peace to an entire region?



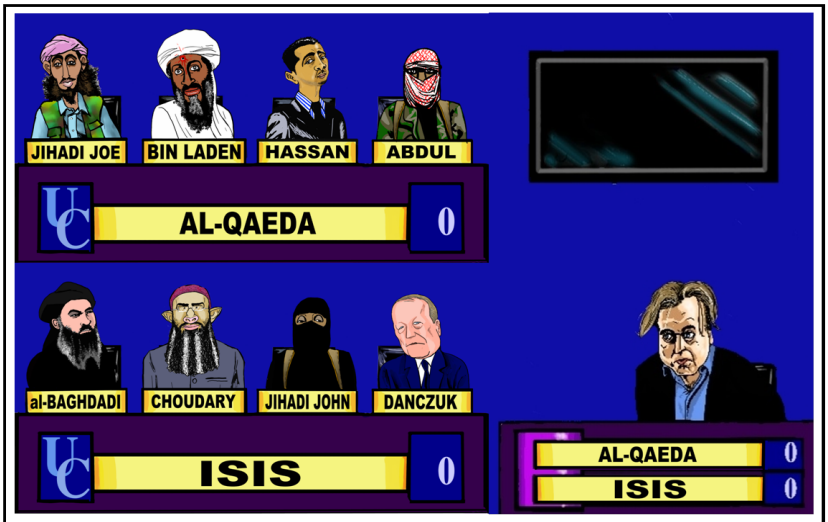
BUZZZ ISIS, Al-Baghdadi: Genocide and rape?

Hitch: Which Islamic tradition best illustrates it's a religion of peace?

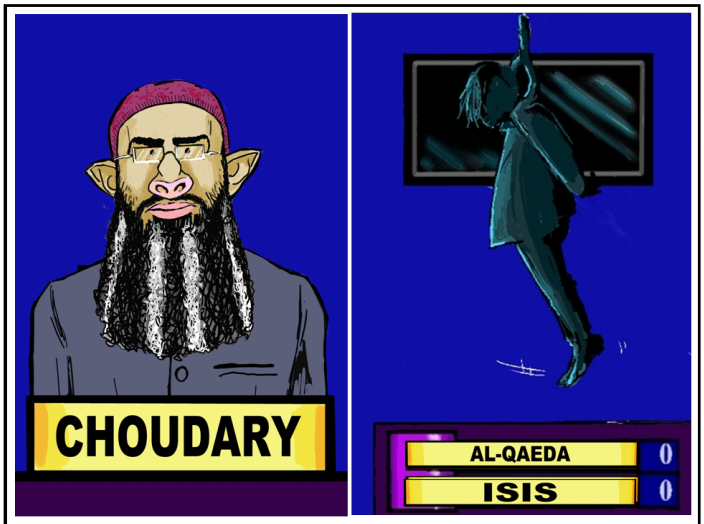
BUZZZ ISIS, Jihadi John: Beheading infidels on You Tube.

Hitch: What is the primary function of Madrassas?

BUZZZ Al-Qaeda, Hassan: Teaching Muslims that kafir are filthy animals.



Hitch: What is the Oxford Dictionary definition of peace?



BUZZZ ISIS, Choudary: When all unbelievers have been killed, enslaved or have converted to Islam.

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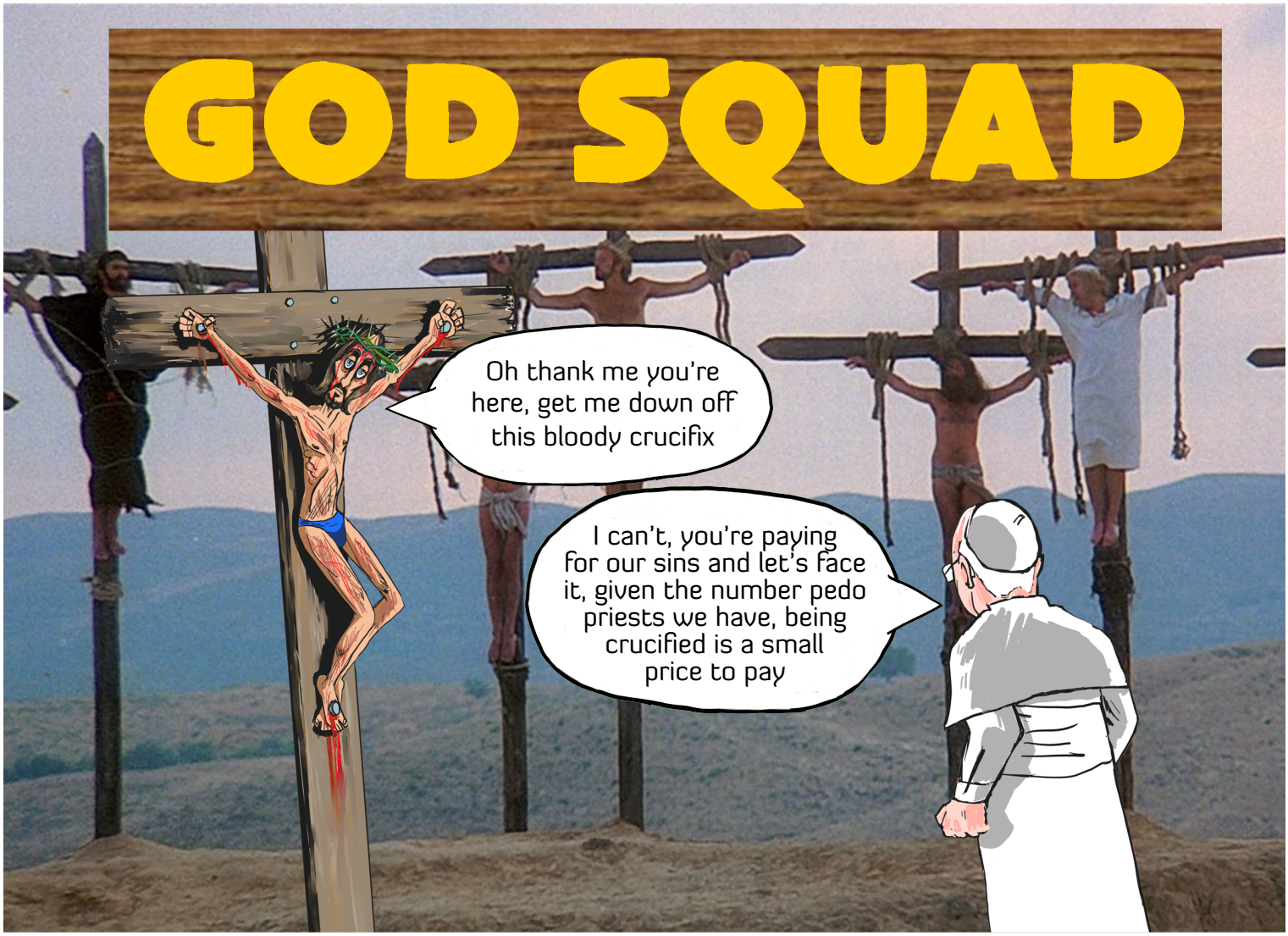
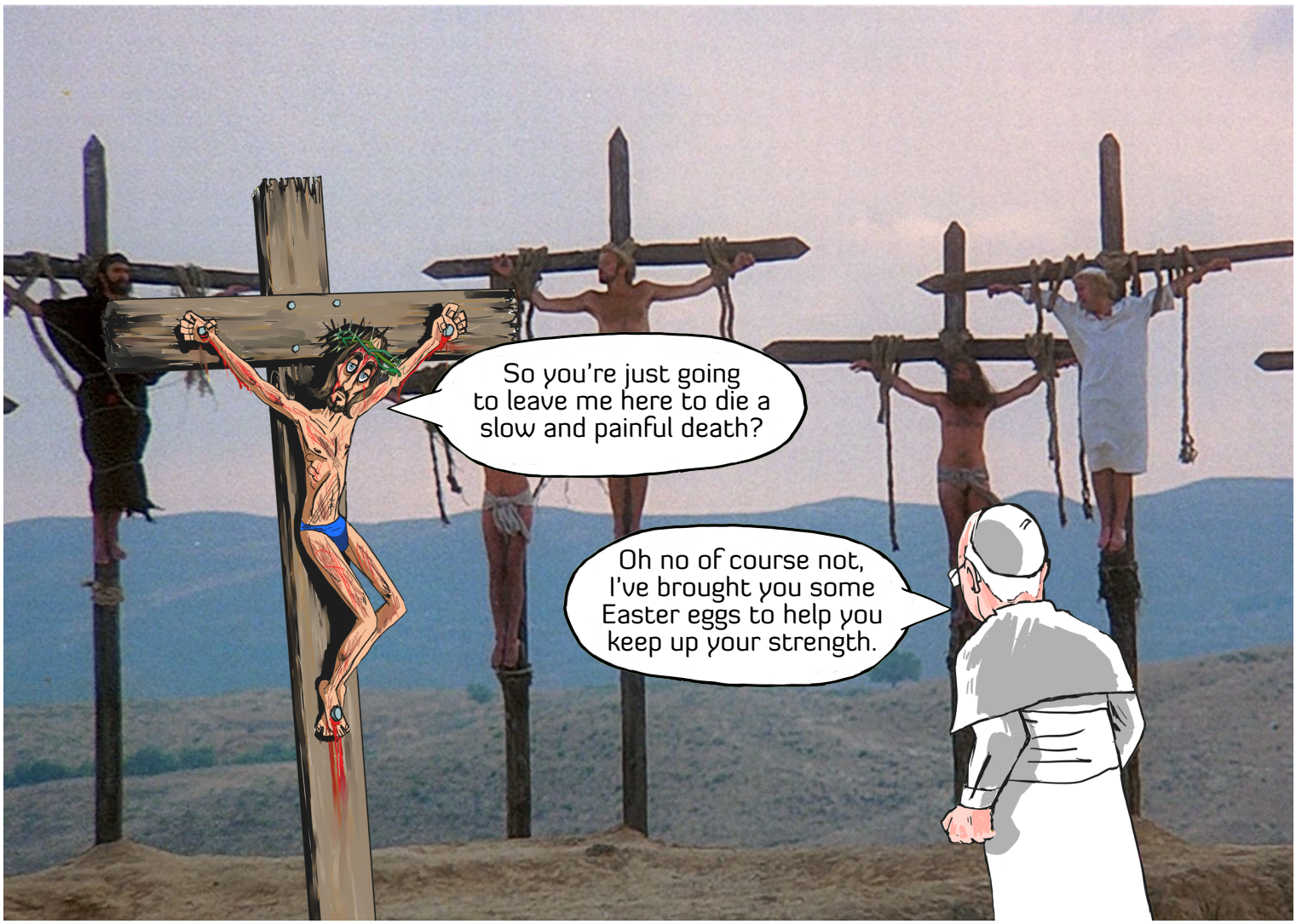
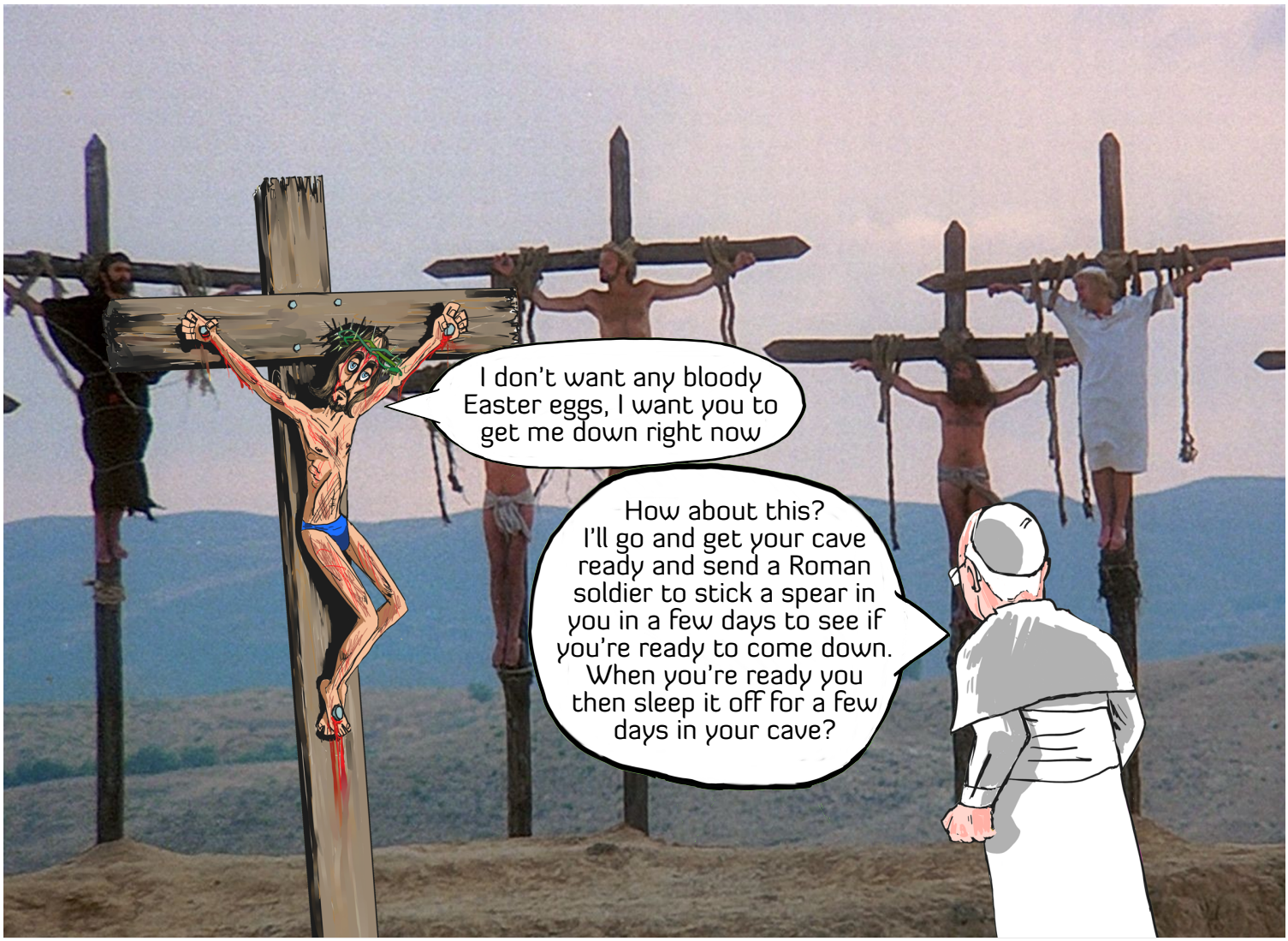
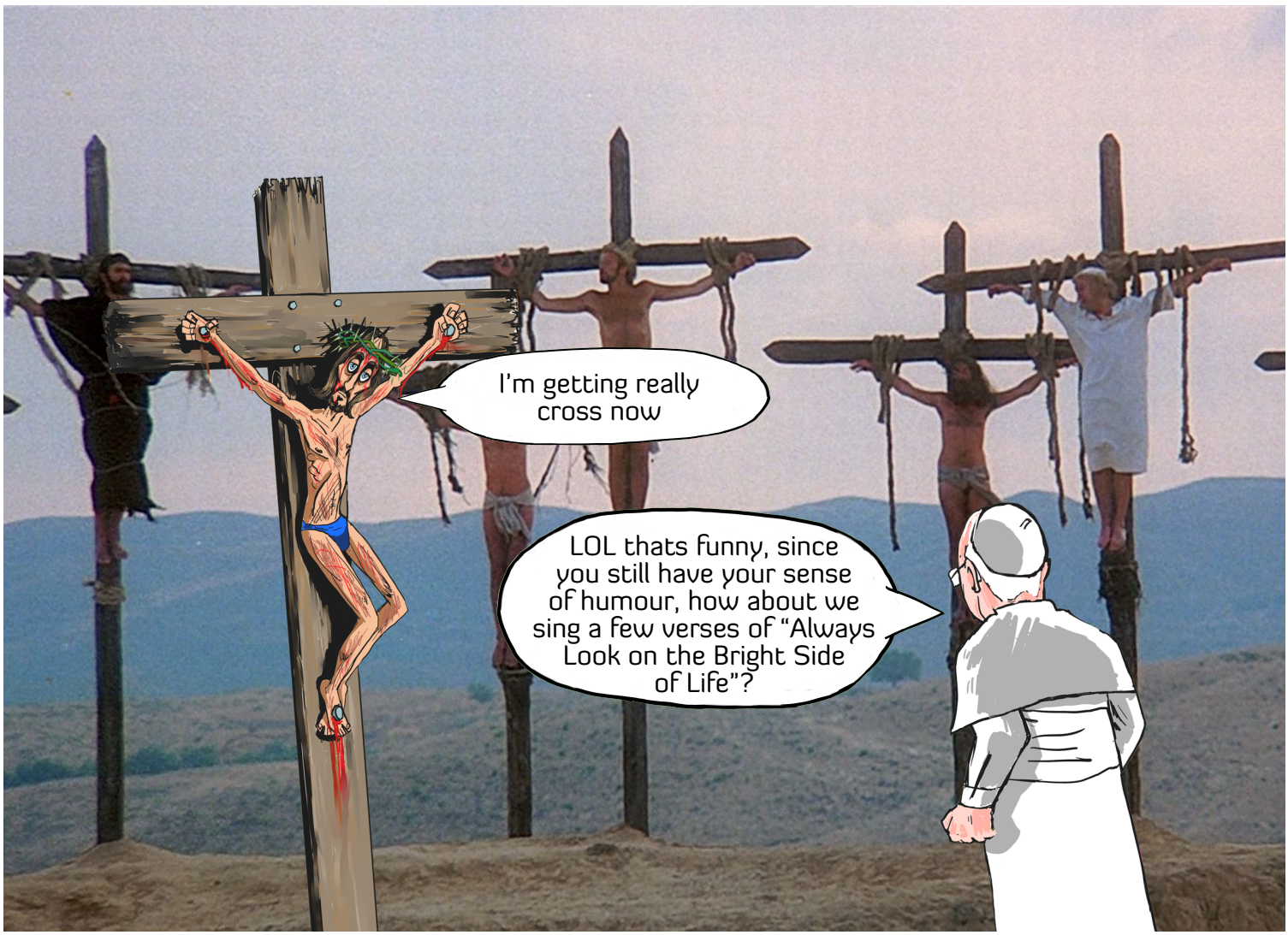

Oh thank me you're here, get me down off this bloody crucifix
I can't, you're paying for our sins and let's face it, given the number pedo priests we have, being crucified is a small price to pay


So you're just going to leave me here to die a slow and painful death?
Oh no of course not, I've brought you some Easter eggs to help you keep up your strength.


I don't want any bloody Easter eggs, I want you to get me down right now
How about this? I'll go and get your cave ready and send a Roman soldier to stick a spear in you in a few days to see if you're ready to come down. When you're ready you then sleep it off for a few days in your cave?


I'm getting really cross now
LOL thats funny, since you still have your sense of humour, how about we sing a few verses of "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life"?

ISIS is ISLAM

by Michael Sherlock

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I guess I should begin by explaining why I have written this piece. Following the Chapel Hill shooting, I was named as an inspirational accomplice to this horrendous crime. The plagiarizing "journalist" in question, named me, along with other "New Atheist" authors as having inspired Hick's horrible crime, and to support his fallacious and libellous assertion, he cited a tweet of mine which read, 'ISIS is Islam.' [1] Before this incident, this atheist "journalist" and I had enjoyed some civil disagreements over how to approach the issue of religious criticism, particularly with regards to Islam, but given that he was my former publisher, I paid him the respect of not raising the issue of his proclivity to plagiarize the works of other authors. [2] As I have two young children who will one day grow up to read that irresponsible and libellous statement, that I was partially to blame for the massacre of those innocent Muslims in America, I took his irresponsible and heartless accusation to heart. As well as releasing a statement to CNN [3], I wanted to clarify what I meant when I said, ISIS is Islam.

Firstly, what I didn't intend to convey with my statement was that all Muslims are terrorists. Most Muslims aren't violent terrorists for the same reason that most Jews don't stone disobedient sons, or murder people for collecting sticks on the Sabbath, despite the unequivocal doctrines of their religions that make such barbarism a religious requirement.
So, what did I mean?

If one examines the central doctrines of Islam, one will easily find justification for many of the horrendous crimes committed by ISIS; from beheading infidels, amputating the hands of thieves, raping female captives, looting in the name of Allah, destroying non-Muslim literature and works of art, and so on. Needless to say, if you can locate such crimes in the core doctrines, texts and practices of Islam, which I will show that you can, then you can't say that ISIS are un-Islamic, because such scrupulous adherence to scripture represents the perfection of Islam.

Following ISIS' beheading of Herve Gourdel in Algeria, thousands of French Muslims protested against this to trend on twitter (#NotInMyName) and the French Council of the Muslim Faith released the following statement:

"This gathering is the strong and vibrant expression of our desire for national unity and of our unwavering will to live together" [4]

As sincere as these protests and this peaceful statement were, they contradict some of the core doctrines of Islam.

They but wish that ye should reject Faith, as they do, and thus be on the same footing (as they): But take not friends from their ranks until they flee in the way of Allah (From what is forbidden). But if they turn renegades, seize them and slay them wherever ye find them; and (in any case) take no friends or helpers from their ranks. Qur'an 4:89

Standing in opposition to the noble sentiments expressed by the French Council of the Muslim Faith, Dr. Ahmad Abu Halabiya enunciated the correct Quranic position on befriending non-Muslims, saying:

"Allah the almighty has called upon us not to ally with the Jews or the Christians, not to like them, not to become their partners, not to support them, and not to sign agreements with them. And he who does that is one of them, as Allah said: 'O you who believe, do not take the Jews and the Christians as allies, for they are allies of one another. Who from among you takes them as allies will indeed be one of them'. .. Have no mercy on the Jews, no matter where they are, in any country. Fight them, wherever you are. Wherever you meet them, kill them." [5]

Before illustrating the scripturally accurate conduct of ISIS, I should point out that this Frenchman, Herve Gourdel, was an infidel (non-Muslim).

So, what does the Qur'an teach in this regard?

Fighting is prescribed for you, and ye dislike it. But it is possible that ye dislike a thing which is good for you, and that ye love a thing which is bad for you. But Allah knoweth, and ye know not.

Fight in the way of Allah, and know that Allah is Hearer, Knower. Qur'an 2:244

To allay any concerns that I have misconstrued or mischievously misrepresented these verses, let's turn to the one place where we can discover what fighting in the way of Allah entails, the Qur'an.

Surely Allah has bought of the believers their persons and their property for this, that they shall have the garden; they fight in the way of Allah, so they slay and are slain. Qur'an 9:111

It is clear that fighting in the way of Allah means physically fighting, killing and being killed, and this is just one of the ways in which the criminals of ISIS are truer to the Qur'an than the peaceful majority of the 1.6 billion Muslims living on the earth today.

Why does the Qur'an encourage Muslims to fight non-Muslims? Do these violent exhortations exclusively relate to given historical circumstances, or is there an everlasting religious reason at the root of these calls to Jihad?

The second chapter of the Qur'an sets out the central purpose for fighting infidels, and it is preceded by the following verse:

Slay them wherever you may catch them and expel them from the place from which they expelled you. The sin of disbelief in God (fitnah) is greater than committing murder. Do not fight them in the vicinity of the Sacred Mosque in Mecca unless they start to fight. Then slay them for it is the recompense that the disbelievers deserve. Qur'an 2:191

Let's perform a quick exegesis of this verse before moving on to look at the central reason for fighting infidels.

Slay them (non-Muslim pagans) wherever you may catch them and expel them from the place from which they expelled you – The opening part of the verse is speaking about the pagans who, according to Muslim historians, were oppressing the Muslim community in Mecca. [6] It is clear that this part of the verse commands Muslims to slay the disbelievers, not defensively, but offensively, wherever they may catch them. The second part of this sentence sets up an additional requirement for the wanton slaughter of infidels, namely, to expel the pagans from the places that these pagans had previously expelled the Muslims. The aggression in this part of the sentence is defensive, but it is separate from, and in addition to, the offensive strategy encouraged in the first part of the

The sin of disbelief in God (fitnah) is greater than committing murder – This statement underscores the ethos of the central doctrines of Islam, i.e. that disbelief in Allah is a greater crime than murdering people in "his" name. Not only does such a teaching thwart the natural moral compass of the believer, who would, absent this belief, probably not be inclined to kill people for believing things that they did not, or conversely, for disbelieving things that they believed, but it underscores the precise ethos of ISIS.

Do not fight them in the vicinity of the Sacred Mosque in Mecca unless they start to fight – Here is the aspect of this verse that apologists employ to argue that; a) Muslims are only permitted to fight in self-defence, and b) that this verse is restricted to a specific historical context.

Firstly, note that this defensive strategy is exclusively restricted to fighting in the holy places in Mecca, and doesn't extend to other places (wherever you may catch them). Nor does this part of the verse infringe upon the idea that disbelief in Allah is worse than murder. Finally, the historical context argument is entirely vacuous and let me draw upon a relevant analogy to explain why.

The Qur'an is allegedly the perfect word of the perfect god, Allah. It is believed to be completely infused with his everlasting advice to Muslims, and further, it is believed to be applicable in its entirety. Thus, these tales perform a similar function to various charter myths found in all religions; they justify rites, rituals and certain codes of conduct and in this way, they act in the same way as legal precedents. Arguing that the historical context restricts the application of violent proclamations prescribed in the Qur'an is akin to arguing that the landmark case of Roe v. Wade (1973) is irrelevant to legal issues surrounding abortion and women's rights in 2015.

Then slay them for it is the recompense that the disbelievers deserve – Then (if the pagans fight you at the holy places in Mecca) is obviously defensive, but it only applies to fighting in the holy places, and the additional statement, for it is the recompense that the disbelievers deserve reinforces the previous statement, 'disbelief in God is worse than murder.' Now that we have that little exegesis out of the way, let's look at the core reason why Muslims are commanded to fight and kill infidels. Verse 2:193 clarifies the central justification for killing infidels.

Fight them (non-Muslim pagans) until there will be no disbelief in God [fitnah] and until God's [Allah's] religion[Islam] will become dominant. If they change

anyone except the unjust. Qur'an 2:193

The central purpose for fighting non-Muslims is to spread the religion of Islam until it dominates all other faiths and completely eradicates non-belief. But what about the final sentence, if they change their behaviour, there would be no hostility against anyone except the unjust? What behaviour? Was it the oppression of Muslims in Mecca or the refusal to submit to Islam? Well, to answer this question we need only refer to the previous verse (2:191), that commands Muslims to slay them (non-Muslims) wherever you find them, that disbelief in Allah is worse than murder, and that death is the recompense for those that disbelieve, for such recompense, we may logically conclude, is surely only applicable for the bad behaviour of disbelief, and of practicing faiths other than Islam; hence, those that perform this behaviour are to be slain wherever they are found. In addition, we must ask, how does the Qur'an distinguish between those who are just and those who are unjust? The Qur'an permits the slaughtering of the unjust, but can one be just and still stubbornly refuse to acknowledge the alleged supremacy of Allah and his mightiest prophet?

And who is more unjust than he who forbids that in places for the worship of Allah, Allah's name should be celebrated?-whose zeal is [in fact] to ruin them? It was not fitting that such should themselves enter them except in fear. For them there is nothing but disgrace in this world, and in the world to come, an exceeding torment. Qur'an 2:114

Who is more unjust than those who conceal the testimony they have from Allah? But Allah is not unmindful of what ye do! Qur'an 2:140

Thus was he confounded who [in arrogance] rejected faith. Nor doth Allah Give guidance to a unjust people [those who reject Islam]. Qur'an 2:258

If you read through the Qur'an, you'll see that the author(s) makes it abundantly clear that there is no such thing as a just non-Muslim, so when chapter 2 verse 193 says; no hostility against anyone except the unjust, it is setting forth an edict that encourages, nay prescribes, an everlasting jihad against all those who reject Islam.

Peaceful Verses Versus Violent Verses & Jihad

There are many verses within the Qur'an that encourage violence against non-Muslims. The most popular violent verse is dubbed the 'verse of the sword.' [7] There is ongoing debate over whether these violent verses, which were added to the Qur'an later on, as the alleged angry afterthoughts of an all-knowing Allah, abrogate [nullify] the peaceful verses, or whether they are subordinate to their more peaceful predecessors. I'll return to this issue, but needless to say, ISIS, along with the majority of Islamic states take the view that religious infidelity, blasphemy and apostasy should all be regulated by sword-like verses, and to prove this we need only look at the barbaric and petulant penal codes and general jurisprudence in countries like Pakistan, which prescribes the death penalty for blasphemy[8]; Saudi Arabia, the literal Mecca of Islam, an Islamic state that murders homosexuals, apostates and "witches," as well as committing other grisly human rights violations in accordance with violent verses from the Qur'an and the cruel exhortations from the secondary pillar of Islam, the Hadith. [9]

The verse of the sword is found in Surah (chapter) Nine, and it reads as follows:

And when the sacred months have passed, then kill the polytheists [unbelievers/idolaters] wherever you find them and capture them and besiege them and sit in wait for them at every place of ambush. But if they should repent (convert to Islam), establish prayer, and give zakah (compulsory payment of money), let them go on their way. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful. Qur'an 9:5

In a bid to defend this and other equally violent verses, some Muslim and Western apologists claim that it is specific to a certain historical context, one that no longer applies today. However, notwithstanding the obvious precedence that such verses establish, the historical context and its application over the centuries shed some very disturbing light on these inhumane teachings. If one examines this verse in its broader Qur'anic context, and couples such an examination with a thorough investigation of the historical context in question, it becomes clear that such verses were intended to be a call to violent Jihad against all non-Muslims, past and present. [10]

Defenders of Islam often argue that Jihad is a purely spiritual struggle against "evil," and to support this proposition they rely on verses like the following:

O ye who believe! Take not for protectors your fathers and your brothers if they love infidelity above Faith: if any of you do so, they do wrong. Say: If it be that your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your mates, or your kindred; the wealth that ye have gained; the commerce in which ye fear a decline: or the dwellings in which ye delight — are dearer to you than Allah, or His Messenger, or the striving [jihad] in His cause; then wait until Allah brings about His

and Allah guides not the rebellious. Qur'an 9:23-24

The jihad mentioned above has little to do with holy war; instead, it describes the internal struggle to remain faithful to Islam in the face of familial ties with infidels. As an aside, this divisive conversion and faith-maintenance strategy also appears in the Christian gospels, with "Jesus" having allegedly said:

If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:26

These "revelations" would have been extremely important in the early stages of the religion, for if only a son or a daughter belonged to the religion, which would have been quite common in its formative years, they would have been compelled by such manipulative teachings to reject their families and embrace the fledgling religion.

There are numerous other verses in the Qur'an that accommodate a peaceful interpretation of Jihad, but to suggest that they supersede the more violent ones, is to ignore a very large body of Islamic scholarship on Jihad, [11] not to mention the historical context provided by their application over the centuries.

Proponents of a purely peaceful Jihad fail to highlight, either out of ignorance or 'taqiyya' (deceit in defence of the faith), [12] that the concept of Jihad is multifaceted. I will address the source of this complexity in a moment, however, if Jihad were merely a spiritual struggle and not, at least in one regard, a violent call to arms in the name of Allah, how would one go about explaining the fact that women, children and the elderly are all excused from performing Jihad? (See Qur'an 9:46)

In classical Islamic law, Jihad, which loosely translates as 'struggle,' described (and still describes) the struggle of Muslims, whose duty it is to wage war against all those who have yet to submit to their religion. [13]

Discussing Jihad in the Medinan phase of Muhammad's conquests, Chase F. Robinson of Cambridge University says:

Jihad (the struggle on behalf of God, which in this context meant nothing more or less than fighting on His behalf) was at the centre of Muhammad's programme. [14]

Ghazni, the Muslim who conquered the eastern lands of Iran and the north-western Indian sub-continent in the tenth and eleventh centuries, Robinson says:
Like his older contemporary in al Andalus, al Mansur ibn Abı Amir, he used the jihad as a way to legitimise political authority acquired by brute force. [15]

Returning to the Qur'an, Surah 4 Ayat (verse) 95 says that those who go to war in the name of Allah (perform Jihad) will be rewarded over and above those who stay at home and remain peaceful. The verse reads:

Not equal are those believers who sit (at home) and receive no hurt, and those who strive and fight in the cause of Allah with their goods and their persons. Allah hath granted a grade higher to those who strive and fight with their goods and persons than to those who sit (at home). Unto all (in Faith)(614) Hath Allah promised good: But those who strive and fight Hath He distinguished above those who sit (at home) by a special reward... Qur'an 4:95

This verse was allegedly reiterated by Muhammad:
Narrated Abu Huraira: The Prophet said, "The person who participates in (Holy battles) in Allah's cause and nothing compels him to do so except belief in Allah and His Apostles, will be recompensed by Allah either with a reward, or booty (if he survives) or will be admitted to Paradise (if he is killed in the battle as a martyr). Had I not found it difficult for my followers, then I would not remain behind any sariya (military unit) going for Jihad and I would have loved to be martyred in Allah's cause and then made Alive, and then martyred and then made alive, and then again martyred in His cause." Sahih al-Bukhari 2:1:35

Performing a scholarly exegesis on Surah 4 Ayat 95, the Muslim scholar responsible for compiling 'The Meaning of the Noble Qur'an,' says:

In a time of jihad, when people give their all, and even their lives, for the common cause, they must be accounted more glorious than those who sit at home, even though they have goodwill to the cause and carry out minor duties in aid. The special reward of such self-sacrifice is high spiritual rank, and special forgiveness and mercy, as proceeding from the direct approbation and love of Allah. [16]

Further, one of the most respected and renowned Islamic scholars, Ismail Ibn Kathir, commented on the obligatory nature of Jihad in the following words:

In this Ayah, Allah made it obligatory for the Muslims to fight in Jihad against the evil of the enemy who transgress against Islam. Az-Zuhri said, "Jihad is

"Jihad is required from every person, whether he actually joins the fighting or remains behind. Whoever remains behind is required to give support, if support is warranted; to provide aid, if aid is needed; and to march forth, if he is commanded to do so. [17]

Discussing jihad in relation to the exclusivist claims to truth made in the Qur'an, the hadith, and reiterated by the majority of Muslim scholarship, and Islamic history, the scholars responsible for compiling the Cambridge Companion to the Qur'an note:

From the standpoint of political organisation, exclusivist claims were effective in providing a legitimating and integrative discourse that could furnish members of the community with a reliable means to assert their collective and political identity. In addition, the newly fostered socio-political identity provided an effective basis for aggression and for exploitation of those who did not share this sense of solidarity with the dominant community of believers. Rationalisation of the aggression, characterised in religious terms as a 'holy war' (jihad), made it possible for the more powerful community to impose its hegemony over the 'infidels' by use of force in the name of some sacred authority. [18]

Despite the obvious violence inherent in the concept of Jihad and the violent verses it rests upon, apologists, as sincere as their misguided misapplications of scripture may well be, point to more peaceful verses in the Qur'an in order to circumvent valid criticism of Islam.

Here are some of the more peaceful verses:

Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold, that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things. Qur'an 2:256

1. Say: O ye that reject Faith!
2. I worship not that which ye worship,
3. Nor will ye worship that which I worship.
4. And I will not worship that which ye have been wont to worship,
5. Nor will ye worship that which I worship.
6. To you be your Way, and to me mine.

Qur'an 109:1-6

Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgresslimits; for Allah loveth not transgressors. Qur'an 2:190

with oppression and violence, reads:

When angels take the souls of those who die in sin against their souls, they say: "In what [plight] Were ye?" They reply: "Weak and oppressed Were we in the earth." They say: "Was not the earth of Allah spacious enough for you to move yourselves away [From evil]?" Such men will find their abode in Hell — What an evil refuge! Qur'an 4:97

These and other equally noble verses from the Qur'an are sincerely adhered to by the majority of peaceful Muslims living today, however, as with Christians and members of most faiths, the average Muslim is woefully ignorant of the textual, theological and historical scholarship that dictate the correct application of such verses in relation to the more violent and intolerant ones.

Abrogation (Nas'kh) — War Verses Versus Peaceful Verses

There are clear contradictions between the noble and peaceful verses in the Qur'an and their more violent and dangerous counterparts. On the one hand, the Qur'an advocates tolerance and on the other, in exactly the same circumstances, it encourages violence. So how does one go about reconciling these contradictions? More importantly, for the correct application of scripture, how have the majority of Muslim scholars, for the majority of the history of Islam, gone about reconciling these contradictions?
To answer these questions we must first acquire some historical context. The alleged revelations compiled in the Qur'an are divided into two primary categories — Meccan and Medinan. They are divided in this way because Muhammad allegedly received his first revelations in Mecca, in somewhat peaceful circumstances, and he later received revelations in Medina, in the midst of war. [19] Naturally, the more peaceful chapters and verses generally fall under the Meccan category, while the violent ones belong to the later Medinan class. [20]

The majority opinion regarding which category of verses apply today has been fixed for centuries, justified by the Qur'an, and clearly demonstrated by the violent propagation of the Islamic religion over the centuries.

None of Our revelations do We [Allah] abrogate or cause to be forgotten, but We substitute something better or similar: Knowest thou not that Allah Hath power over all things? Qur'an 2:106

When We substitute one revelation for another,-

say, "Thou art but a forger": but most of them understand not. Qur'an 16:101

These verses form the foundation of the Islamic doctrine of Nas'kh (abrogation) and it is of central importance to the application of violent verses over non-violent ones.

With regards to the abrogation of peaceful Meccan verses and the supremacy of the violent verse of the sword (Qur'an 9:5), the Cambridge Companion to the Qur'an says:

An interesting instance of such categorisation is the verse to which Ibn al-Jawz refers, 'the verse of the sword'. This is the name given to Q 9:5, a verse that begins, 'And when the sacred months have passed, kill the idolators wherever you find them . . .' According to one of the standard treatises on this topic, Q 9:5 abrogates at least 124 other [peaceful] verses, the last of which is Q 109:6 [To you be your Way, and to me mine.]. [21]

Further, in Robert Spencer's Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam (And the Crusades), he remarks on the mainstream Islamic scholarship on the issue of abrogation in the following words:

Tafsir al -Jalalayn, a commentary on the Qur'an by the respected imams Jalal al -Din Muhammad ibn Ahmad al -Mahalli (1389-1459} and Ja lal al -Din 'Abd al-Rahman ibn Abi Bakr al-Suyuti (1445-1505), asserts that the ninth sura "was sent down when security was removed by the sword."' Another mainstream and respected Qur'an commentator, Ismail bin `Amr bin Kathir al Dimashqi (1301-1372), known popularly as Ibn Kathir, declares that sura 9:5 "abrogated every agreement of peace between the Prophet and any idolater, every treaty, and every term...No idolater had any more treaty or promise of safety ever since Surah Bara'ah [the ninth sura] was revealed." Ibn Juzayy (d. 1340), yet another Qur'an commentator whose works are still read in the Islamic world agrees: The Verse of the Sword's purpose is "abrogating every peace treaty in the Qur'an." [22]

Thus, both the majority opinion amongst Muslim scholars and the history of Islam testify to the true relationship between peaceful verses and their violent substitutes. This frightening fact provides ISIS with Qur'anic justification for their vile beheadings and their violent jihad in general.

When your Lord revealed to the angels: I am with you, therefore make firm those who believe. I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them. Qur'an 8:12

The Murderous Muhammad of the Hadith

ISIS isn't only performing the violent practices encouraged by the Qur'an, but they are also bringing the violence in the secondary pillar of Islam to life. To provide you with some context, the hadith are a collection of manuscripts that are said to record the sayings and doings of Muhammad and his contemporaries. They are graded on a scale from least reliable to most reliable. The most reliable hadith are called Sahih(authentic/reliable) hadith and the two primary hadith in this regard are the Sahih al-Bukhari and the Sahih al-Muslim. These and other hadith provide historians and Muslims with a lot of biographic material on Muhammad, although it must be acknowledged that even the Sahih hadith are plagued with historical problems. [23] Notwithstanding these serious problems, the hadith are regarded as the secondary pillar of Islam, and as such, they are believed to be a wellspring of information about Islam's founder. Another fact that must be understood when looking at ISIS' conduct and comparing it to Muhammad's behaviour in the hadith, is that there are numerous verses throughout the Qur'an that encourage Muslims to follow the example set by Muhammad.

The following verse is one such example:

Ye have indeed in the Messenger of Allah a beautiful pattern [of conduct] for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Final Day, and who engages much in the Praise of Allah. Qur'an 33:21

Commenting on this verse, renowned Muslim scholar, Sayyid Maududi, says:

He [Muhammad] was always in the forefront to offer maximum sacrifices for the great objectives for which he was constantly asking others to make sacrifices. Therefore, whoever made a claim of being his follower should have followed the practical example set by the leader.

This is the meaning of the verse in the context here. But its words are general and there is no reason why it should be confined to these meanings only. Allah does not. say that only in this respect His Messenger's life is a model for the Muslims to follow, but has regarded it as a model absolutely. Therefore, the verse demands that the Muslims should take the Holy Prophet's life as a model for themselves in every affair of life and should mold their character and personality according to it. [24]

So, if Muslims are encouraged to follow Muhammad's example "in every affair of life and should mold their character and personality according to it," we must ask a very obvious question:

What example did Muhammad set for his followers? According to one collection of hadith (Ishaq), when Muhammad returned from his raid on Ta'if, word spread that he had killed some of the men who had satirized and insulted him. The poets who were left spread in all directions. Ishaq:597

Drawing upon this same collection of hadith:

Allah said, 'A prophet must slaughter before collecting captives. A slaughtered enemy is driven from the land. Muhammad, you craved the desires of this world, its goods and the ransom captives would bring. But Allah desires killing them to manifest the religion.' Ishaq:327

Another example of Muhammad's conduct from this collection of hadith describes the assassination of a Jewish poet who had made critical remarks about Muhammad. After hearing about this critic, Muhammad is recorded to have said, "Who will deal with this rascal for me?" Following the call to assassinate Abu Afak, Salim b. Umayr, brother of B. Amr b. Auf, one of the "weepers", went forth and killed him. Ishaq:675

Angered by the murder of Abu Afak, 'Asma' (daughter of) Bint Marwan, made insulting (accurate) remarks about Muhammad's savagery and encouraged the non-Muslims to rebel against Muhammad's medieval ISIS-like organization. For these acts of bravery she was murdered. The event is recorded in the following words:

When the apostle heard what she had said he said, "Who will rid me of Marwan's daughter?" `Umayr b. `Adiy al-Khatmi who was with him heard him, and that very night he went to her house and killed her. In the morning he came to the apostle and told him what he had done and he [Muhammad] said, "You have helped God and His apostle, O `Umayr!" Ishaq :675

From the collection of hadith compiled by Muhammad Ibn Jarir al-Tabari, called al-Tabari, it is reported that Muhammad had a man tortured and killed for treasure. The account reads as follows:

Kinanah b. al-Rabi b. al-Huqyaq who had the treasure of B. Nadir was brought to the Messenger of God, who questioned him; but he denied knowing where it was. Then the messenger of God was brought a Jew who this ruin every morning." The Messenger of God said to Kinanah: "What do you say? If we find it in your possession, I will kill you." "All right," he answered. The Messenger of God commanded that the ruin should be dug up, and some of the treasure was extracted from it. Then he asked him for the rest of it. Kinanah refused to surrender it; so the Messenger of God gave orders concerning him to al-Zubayr b. al-'Awwam, saying, "torture him until you root out what he has." Al-Zubayr kept twirling his firestick in his breast until Kinanah almost expired; then the Messenger of God gave him to Muhammad b. Maslamah, who beheaded him to avenge his brother Mahmud b. Maslamah."
al-Tabari Vol. 8, p. 123.

Turning now to the Sahih Bukhari, remembering that Sahih hadiths are considered the most reliable accounts of Muhammad, we read:

"Eight persons from the tribe of 'Ukl came to Allah's Apostle and gave the Pledge of allegiance for Islam (became Muslim). The climate of the place (Medina) did not suit them, so they became sick and complained about that to Allah's Apostle. He said (to them), "Won't you go out with the shepherd of our camels and drink of the camels' milk and urine (as medicine)?" They said, "Yes." So they went out and drank the camels' milk and urine, and after they became healthy, they killed the shepherd of Allah's Apostle and took away all the camels. This news reached Allah's Apostle , so he sent (men) to follow their traces and they were captured and brought (to the Prophet). He then ordered to cut their hands and feet, and their eyes were branded with heated pieces of iron, and then he threw them in the sun till they died." I said, "What can be worse than what those people did? They deserted Islam, committed murder and theft."... Sahih al-Bukhari 9:83:37

Muhammad ordered the deaths of numerous people who had crossed him and his religion, whether the victim's crimes were serious or trivial, Muhammad had many people assassinated and executed. Although I have only given a few examples, if you read the various hadith, you'll find a pattern of insane barbarism committed at the behest of this delusional madman. Allow me to offer one final example of Muhammad's murderous rampage.

In this shocking account, Muhammad raped a 17-year-old Jewish girl on the same day that he had her family, including her newly-wedded husband mentioned above (Kinanah b. al-Rabi b. al-Huqyaq), tortured and beheaded. The Sahih al-Bukhari reports:

Khaibar is ruined...We conquered Khaibar, took the captives, and the booty was collected. Dihya came and said, 'O Allah's Prophet! Give me a slave girl from the captives.' The Prophet said, 'Go and take any slave girl.' He took Safiya bint Huyai. A man came to the Prophet and said, 'O Allah's Apostles! You gave Safiya bint Huyai to Dihya and she is the chief mistress of the tribes of Quraidha and An-Nadir and she befits none but you.' So the Prophet said, 'Bring him along with her.' So Dihya came with her and when the Prophet saw her, he said to Dihya, 'Take any slave girl other than her from the captives.' Anas added: The Prophet then manumitted her and married her." Sahih al-Bukhari 1:367

The Bukhari continues this story in volume five, reporting:

We arrived at Khaibar, and when Allah helped His Apostle to open the fort, the beauty of Safiya bint Huyai bin Akhtaq whose husband had been killed while she was a bride, was mentioned to Allah's Apostle. The Prophet selected her for himself, and set out with her, and when we reached a place called Sidd-as-Sahba,' Safiya became clean from her menses then Allah's Apostle married her.
Sahih al-Bukhari 5:522

Rape

Rape and brutality toward women have become hallmarks of ISIS' Islamic jihad. One of the most famous incidents in recent times involved a young Yazidi girl who had been forced into sex slavery, or as the Qur'an would put it, placed within the reach of the right hand of her captors. On one occasion, it is alleged that this girl managed to get a phone call out to rebel fighters and in a BBC report, Karam reported on the contents of her call, in which she was alleged to have said:

"If you know where we are please bomb us...There is no life after this. I'm going to kill myself anyway – others have killed themselves this morning...I've been raped 30 times and it's not even lunchtime. I can't go to the toilet. Please bomb us." [25]

Other equally shocking sexual crimes have been reported by major News outlets, from the raping of girls as young as six, to the rape and abduction of women as "spoils of war." [26]

To understand how ISIS' heinous mistreatment of women is completely compatible with the core doctrines of Islam, you must first understand that marriage in the Qur'an is a very misogynistic institution and sadly, rape is an acceptable part of of this patriarchal parcel for male members of the faith. Again, I must stress that I am not saying that most Muslim marriages are plagued with misogyny, but that the doctrines of Islam do not afford women the general compassion displayed by loving Muslim husbands, who cherry pick from the Qur'an and hadith.

Here are some examples from the Qur'an:

Men are the managers of the affairs of women for that God has preffered in bounty one of them (men) over the another (women), and for that they expended of their (men's) property. Righteous women are therefore obedient, guarding the secret for God's guarding. And those that you fear may be rebellious admonish; banish them to their couches, and beat them. If they then obey you, look not for any way against them; God is All-high, All-great.
Qur'an 4:34

Your wives are as a tilth unto you; so approach your tilth when or how ye will; but do some good act for your souls beforehand; and fear Allah. And know that ye are to meet Him (in the Hereafter), and give (these) good tidings to those who believe. Qur'an 2:223

If ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly with the orphans, Marry women of your choice, Two or three or four; but if ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly (with them), then only one, or (a captive) that your right hands possess [captives in Jihad].
Qur'an 4:3

Who abstain from sex, except with those joined to them in the marriage bond, or (the captives) whom their right hands possess– for (in their case) they are free from blame... Qur'an 23:5-6

The idea that men are permitted to force their wives to obey them, to possess slave girls, and do with them as they please, is a terrifyingly misogynistic and barbaric idea indeed. Most Muslim men don't take advantage of these allowances, but unfortunately, many do – for not only does the Qur'an permit men to rape their wives and their sex-slaves, but the "perfect example of righteousness," Muhammad, was also reported to have set such an example. We saw above that Muhammad had no problem accepting women as rewards for murder, but what was his philosophical position on raping captives?

Rape & Coitus Interruptus
(Withdrawal at the point of ejaculation)

Abu Said Al-Khudri and sat beside him and asked him about Al-Azl (i.e. coitus interruptus). Abu Said said, "We went out with Allah's Apostle for the Ghazwa of Banu Al-Mustaliq and we received captives from among the Arab captives and we desired women and celibacy became hard on us and we loved to do coitus interruptus. So when we intended to do coitus interrupt us, we said, 'How can we do coitus interruptus before asking Allah's Apostle who is present among us?" We asked (him) about it and he said, 'It is better for you not to do so, for if any soul (till the Day of Resurrection) is predestined to exist, it will exist." Sahih al-Bukhari 5:59:459

Raping Married Non-Muslims

The Sahih al-Muslim tells the story of Muhammad receiving his "revelation" regarding the raping of married female captives:

Abu Sa'id al-Khudri (Allah her pleased with him) reported that at the Battle of Hanain Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) sent an army to Autas and encountered the enemy and fought with them. Having overcome them and taken them captives, the Companions of Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) seemed to refrain from having intercourse with captive women because of their husbands being polytheists. Then Allah, Most High, sent down regarding that:" And women already married, except those whom your right hands possess (captives and slave-girls)" (i. e. they were lawful for them when their 'Idda period came to an end). Sahih al-Muslim 8:34:32

Rape, Ransom & Coitus Interruptus

Besieged with anxiety over a moral quandary, Muhammad's medieval mercenaries came to him with a question. The story is as follows:

"Abu Sirma said to Abu Sa'id al Khadri (Allah he pleased with him): O Abu Sa'id, did you hear Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) mentioning al-'azl? He said: Yes, and added: We went out with Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) on the expedition to the Bi'l-Mustaliq and took captive some excellent Arab women; and we desired them, for we were suffering from the absence of our wives, (but at the same time) we also desired ransom for them. So we decided to have sexual intercourse with them but by observing 'azl (Interruptus Coitus – Withdrawing the male sexual organ before emission of semen to avoid-conception). But we said: We are doing an act whereas Allah's Messenger is amongst us; why not ask him? So we asked Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him), and he said: It does not matter if you do not do it, for every soul that is to be born up to the Day of Resurrection will be born." Sahih al-Muslim 8:3371

So, given not only Muhammad's conduct, but his teachings on rape, can one really argue that ISIS is acting un-Islamic when they repeatedly rape those whom their right hands possess? I don't think so. As a final note, and to circumvent any mischievous apologies, rape isn't dealt with at all in the Qur'an, but the Sahih al-Bukhari does make it a crime for a male slave to rape female "war booty," but it doesn't extend this prohibition to free Muslim men (Sahih al-Bukhari 1985, 9, 67).

Expelling Non-Muslims from Muslim Lands

ISIS is becoming renowned for their expulsion of members of competing faiths, particularly Jews and Christians.

In 2014, Aljazeera reported on the expulsion of Christians from Mosul in Iraq, saying:

Most Christian families have now fled Iraq's second largest city, Mosul. The most recent exodus began on June 10 with the city's takeover by the armed group known as the Islamic State group. Fears were exacerbated when two nuns and three orphans were kidnapped by the group's supporters.

Though they were released after 17 days, the displacement further accelerated on July 19 with the announcement that Christians had the choice to either convert to Islam, pay a religious tax, leave, or face death.

Other religious minorities have been similarly targeted for persecution and expulsion. According to the United Nations, members of the Yazidi and Shabak communities who refused to convert or leave were sentenced to death by religious courts and executed. [27]

Following the expulsion of Iraqi Christians, The International Union of Muslim Scholars released the following statement on their website:

"The International Union of Muslim Scholars (IUMS) condemns the forced expulsion of the Christian brothers of Iraq from their homes, cities and provinces...These are acts that violate Islamic laws, Islamic conscience and leave but a negative image of Islam and Muslims." [28]

Have these scholars not read any of the hadith? Are they ignorant of the example set by the most perfect

Muslim, Muhammad? Do they not know that Muhammad, although failing to expel the Jews and Christians from the Arabian Peninsula, desired nothing less than the complete and thorough expulsion of all who failed to share his narcissistic beliefs? Has it slipped their notice that Muhammad extracted Jizya (forced tax on non-Muslims) from all of the non-Muslims he was able to subjugate?

If they refuse to accept Islam, demand from them the Jizya. If they agree to pay, accept it from them and hold off your hands. If they refuse to pay the tax, seek Allah's help and fight them.
Sahih al-Muslim 19:4294

Regarding Muhammad's desire to expel non-Muslims from Muslim lands, the Sahih Muslim reports:

It has been narrated by 'Umar b. al-Khattib that he heard the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) say: I will expel the Jews and Christians from the Arabian Peninsula and will not leave any but Muslim.
Sahih al-Muslim 19:4366

Although Muhammad was unsuccessful in his bigoted endeavour, Muhammad's father-in-law, Umar ibn al-Khattab, was alleged to have succeeded after the death of Muhammad. The Sahih Bukhari says:

Narrated Ibn `Umar: `Umar expelled the Jews and the Christians from Hijaz. When Allah's Apostle had conquered Khaibar, he wanted to expel the Jews from it as its land became the property of Allah, His Apostle, and the Muslims. Allah's Apostle intended to expel the Jews but they requested him to let them stay there on the condition that they would do the labor and get half of the fruits. Allah's Apostle told them, "We will let you stay on thus condition, as long as we wish." So, they (i.e. Jews) kept on living there until `Umar forced them to go towards Taima' and Ariha'. Sahih al-Bukhari 3:531

ISIS' Looting Versus Muhammad's Caravan Raids (Ghazu)

In a 2014 article in The New Yorker, David Kohn reported:

In Iraq, looting has been a serious problem for parts of the past decade. During a particularly violent period roughly between 2003 and 2006, organized looters took advantage of the chaos to pilfer many [archaeological] sites, especially ones in southern Iraq. But, according to Hanson, who is cataloguing the looting in both countries, most of the earlier

As well as looting archaeological sites, collecting large ransoms from the families of captives, enforcing Islamicjizya on non-Muslims and non-Sunni Muslims, ISIS is also recreating the old caravan raids [ghazu] of Muhammad's time.

In 2014, ISIS raided a bank in Mosul, and according to an NBC report:

ISIS now pays its fighters — and bureaucrats — from money it stole from the Central Bank of Iraq when its fighters overran Mosul and took control of the local branch last June. Just after the raid, the governor of Nineveh Province told the New York Times that ISIS fighters emptied the vaults in all the other banks in town as well, and estimated the total take at $400 million. [30]

Surely theft and robbery are un-Islamic acts, right? No. As mentioned above, these were the very means by which Muhammad funded the foundations of the Islamic religion — that is to say, Islam was built upon the piracy and theft we see being performed by ISIS. In one of the earliest surviving biographies of Muhammad (7th century), on Muhammad's first raid (Al-Is Ghazu), he was reported to have said:

Go forth against this caravan; it may be that Allah will grant you plunder. [31]

Caravan raids were a traditional way of life for pre-Islamic and later Islamic Arabians, and this way of life was preserved in both the primary and secondary pillars of Islam. In fact, the Qur'an dedicates an entire chapter to the issue (Surah 8 — Anfal or The Spoils of War). Here are some specific examples from both the Qur'an and the hadith that demonstrate the undeniable fact that ISIS' raids and their looting are in complete harmony with the central doctrines of Islam:

They ask thee concerning [things taken as] spoils of war. Say: "[such] spoils are at the disposal of Allah and the Messenger: So fear Allah, and keep straight the relations between yourselves: Obey Allah and His Messenger, if ye do believe." Qur'an 8:1

And know that out of all the booty that ye may acquire [in war], a fifth share is assigned to Allah,- and to the Messenger, and to near relatives, orphans, the needy, and the wayfarer.. Qur'an 8:40

But [now] enjoy what ye took in war, lawful and good: but fear Allah: for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful. Qur'an 8:69

I could continue to cite the plethora of verses that

encourage such criminal behaviour, but time and space are not on my side. Let's now turn to the hadith. As cited above with regards to Jihad, the Sahih Bukhari quoted Muhammad as saying:

Narrated Abu Huraira: The Prophet said, "The person who participates in (Holy battles) in Allah's cause and nothing compels him to do so except belief in Allah and His Apostles, will be recompensed by Allah either with a reward, or booty (if he survives) or will be admitted to Paradise (if he is killed in the battle as a martyr). Sahih al-Bukhari 2:1:35

Such promises of both temporal and ethereal reward provided compelling incentives to loot and steal on behalf of the faith, and it is no different with the modern members of ISIS.

To preserve what precious space I have left, I will offer just one final example, but I have chosen it because it is central to the concept of believing in Allah alone, as the one true god. The example reads as follows:

He [Muhammad] ordered them to believe in Allah Alone and asked them, "Do you know what is meant by believing in Allah Alone?" They replied, "Allah and His Apostle know better." Thereupon the Prophet said," It means:

1. To testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and Muhammad is Allah's Apostle.
2. To offer prayers perfectly
3. To pay the Zakat (obligatory charity)
4. To observe fast during the month of Ramadan.
5. And to pay Al-Khumus (one fifth of the booty to be given in Allah's Cause). Sahih al-Bukhari 2:1:50

It is obvious to anyone who has actually read the Qur'an and the various hadith, that looting and stealing is a pivotal part of the central doctrines of Islam, and for this reason, it is more than fair to argue that ISIS are complying with the central teachings of Islam in this regard.

Destruction of Non-Muslim Libraries, Landmarks and Artefacts

The Prophet entered Mecca and (at that time) there were three hundred-and-sixty idols around the Ka`ba. He started stabbing the idols with a stick he had in his hand and reciting: "Truth (Islam) has come and Falsehood (disbelief) has vanished."
Sahih al-Bukhari 29:3:658

This act of destruction was to be the precedent upon which the Islamic practice of destroying non-rest. Of course, not all non-Muslim literature was condemned to flames, for we have records that tell us that the literature of Aristotle, for example, was quite popular amongst early Muslim scholars. [32] If we were forced to choose a single Islamic terrorist from history with whom we could compare the atrocious behaviour of ISIS, it would have to be Mahmud of Ghazni. This forefather of these modern soldiers of the religion of peace butchered his way across the Indian subcontinent and in the process, he not only plundered vast amounts of wealth from extravagant Hindu temples, but he destroyed tomes of valuable literature. [33] Continuing in the footsteps of his deranged father, Abu Mansur Sabuktigin, who had employed jihad as a means to either expel or convert every last Hindu in the region, Mahmud was endowed with the honorific title of al-ghazi (Allah's Warrior) and he became the first Sultan of the Islamic religion. [34] Reading the chronicles of his brutal yet halal conduct in India is like picking up a newspaper and reading about the atrocities committed by ISIS.

Mahmud wasn't the only Muslim conqueror to have destroyed libraries and literature that was antithetical to his misanthropic religion, for it was, as mentioned, quite a common crime amongst those who cherished the delusions harboured by Muhammad.

The Libraries of Rayy [35], Ghazna [36], Nishapur [37], Nalanda [38] and Pol i Khomri [39], were all destroyed and pillaged by Muslim forces of one generation or another, and one can only attempt to imagine how much valuable knowledge has been lost as a result.
Sadly, it wasn't only libraries that crumbled beneath the narcissism of this exclusivist religion, but historical sites as well.

One famous example was the destruction of the Buddhas of Bamiyan in Afghanistan. The Buddhas of Bamiyan were two massive and masterfully crafted statues carved into the cliff face in the Bamiyan valley in the Hazarajat region of central Afghanistan. These two sixth century statues were beautiful works of Buddhist art, art that would eventually be completely destroyed by the Taliban. In 1221, the Mughal emperor, Aurangzeb, used heavy artillery in an unsuccessful attempt to destroy them, [40] but it wasn't until March of 2001, under the orders of Mullah Mohammed Omar, that these magnificent "idols" were completely crumbled. [41]

Again, I could cite many other examples in which Muslim armies destroyed literature, art and cultural heritage sites with the express approval of both the

with enough to establish this common Islamic practice.

Following in the footsteps of their forebears, and the common practice established over the centuries, ISIS have been destroying valuable literature in valuable libraries; they have been demolishing ancient historical sites and artefacts, and with the weight of Islamic doctrine and common practice at their backing. On ISIS' destruction of literature and historical sites and artefacts, CNN reported:

ISIS is continuing to bulldoze its way through the cultural heritage of Iraq and Syria, with the ancient Assyrian capital of Khorsabad apparently the extremist group's latest archaeological victim. [42]

Thus far, ISIS have destroyed priceless artefacts in the Mosul Museum, burned thousands of invaluable books from the Mosul Library; they have defaced ancient frescos and works of art at Nimrud, molested the ancient palace of King Sargon II (built in the 8th Century BCE), and corrupted numerous other sites and important works of history that are extremely valuable for not only the cultural heritage of Syrians and Iraqis, but for the entire civilized world, as this location (Mesopotamia, specifically) is commonly referred to as the cradle of civilization, and much of our culture, and even the seeds of much of our modern knowledge in mathematics, astronomy and other branches of modern academia, all derive from this invaluable location on earth.

Conclusion

I have not presented the entire scope of parallels that exist between the brutal behaviour of ISIS and Islamic doctrines upon which they are firmly supported; nor have I proffered the entire width and breadth of the available evidence that further illustrate the striking similarities highlighted in this piece. Despite these concessions, I think it is fair to say that the parallels and evidence discussed provide any reasonable observer with strong justification to make the statement, ISIS is Islam. The central doctrines of Islam do exhort believers to slay non-believers, they do prescribe rape, looting and all of the other barbarism we are witnessing ISIS perform, and to ignore these facts, to turn a blind eye for the sake of pandering to outdated notions of political correctness, is to pay insufficient heed to the core problems associated with not only this band of barbaric pirates, but to the root of this problem, a religion that has spawned some of the most vile and inhumane behaviour that our modern world has witnessed.

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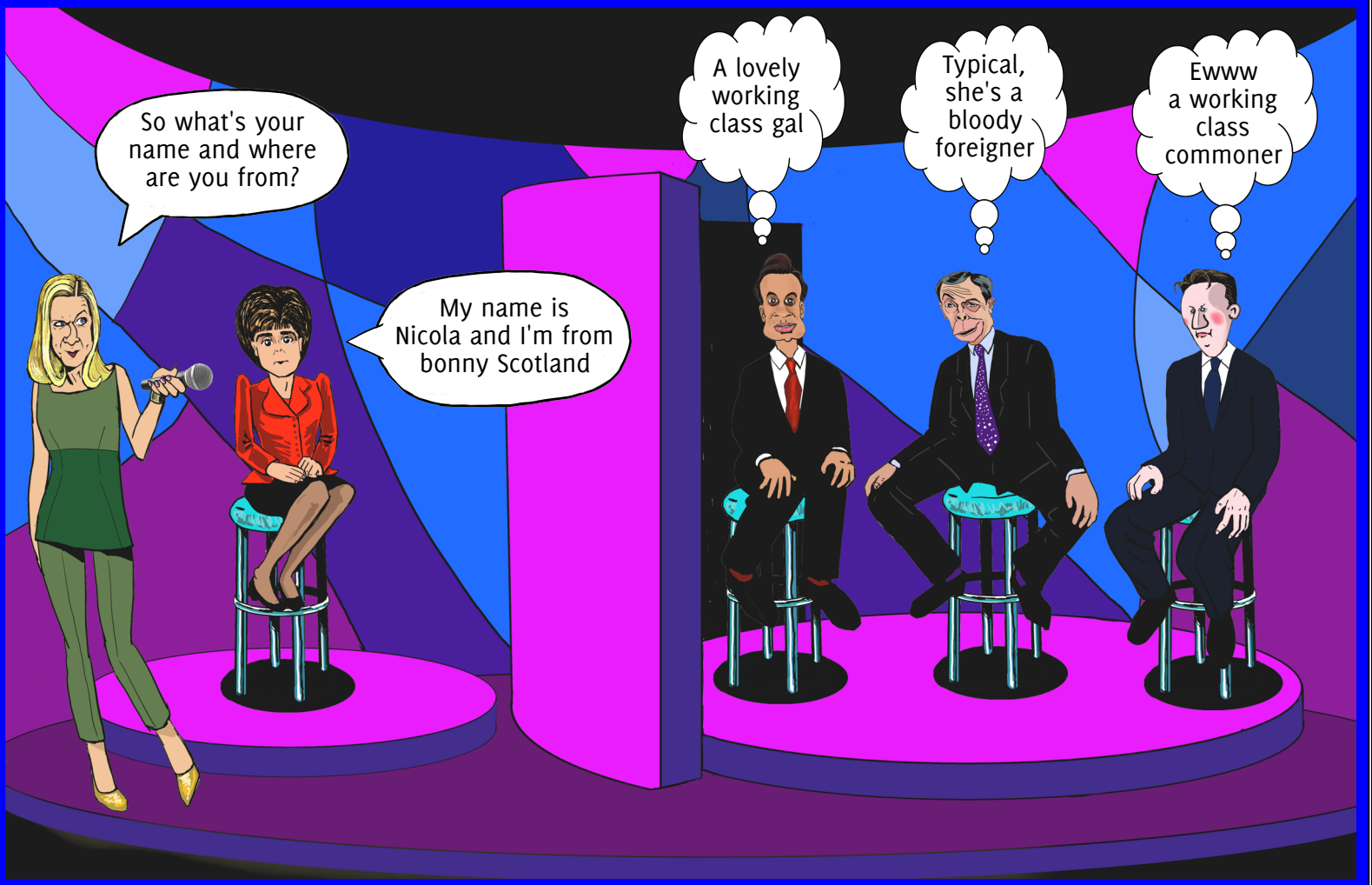

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Boston Marathon Jihad Murderer Tsarnaev Guilty by Robert Spencer

The guilty verdict came as no surprise to anyone, least of all Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's defense attorney, Judy Clarke, who told the court last month, "It was him." Tsarnaev could now face the death penalty, and it would be richly deserved, given the fact that he and his brother deliberately placed a bomb filled with nails behind a row of children, hoping to maximize the number of people they murdered, and subjected eight-year-old Martin Richard to a gruesome and excruciatingly painful death.

Whether or not he is executed, however, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is a vivid illustration of the abject failure and catastrophic wrongheadedness of the Obama administration's approach to the jihad threat. For if the mainstream and dominant analysis of the jihad terror threat is true, then Dzhokhar Tsarnaev should have been the last young Muslim in the U.S. to become a jihad terrorist: he had everything that mainstream analysts claim Muslims turn to terrorism because they don't have.

Terrorism, we are often told, is a reaction to political instability. Young Muslims growing up under repressive dictatorships strike out for justice in the only way that is available to them: by joining jihad terror groups. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, however, didn't grow up amid any political unrest: his family was granted political asylum in the United States when he was eight years old.

Dzhokhar was no deprived and marginalized immigrant. He attended Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and received a $2,500 scholarship from the City of Cambridge when he graduated in 2011. Then he went to the University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, where to all appearances he was a completely Westernized moderate Muslim with an outlook that was little different from that of his fellow students.

John Kerry, if he is paying attention to the Tsarnaev case at all, should be nonplussed. Here is a young man who was saved from political tumult in his homeland (Tsarnaev was born in Kyrgyzstan but spent most of his early life in Chechnya) by the United States of America, open as always to the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to be free. Once here, he enjoyed a comfortable middle-class existence, attending fine schools in the Boston area – in part due to the generosity of the City of Cambridge. He showed no signs of cultural alienation, having a wide circle of friends and appearing to them to be a fully American youth.

So what went wrong? If it wasn't poverty, lack of opportunity, and alienation, then what drove young Dzhokhar to jihad, Mr. Kerry? Dzhokhar's defense team and the mainstream media have tried to portray him as completely under the spell of his older brother Tamerlan, who was supposedly a jihadist Svengali leading his bedazzled and impressionable younger brother down the path to mass murder for Islam.

If that were true, it is nonetheless obvious that Dzhokhar was an apt and willing pupil. While hiding out in a pleasure boat just before his arrest, Dzhokhar wrote that he did it for the umma, the worldwideMuslim community: "the bombings were in retribution for the

U.S. crimes in places like Iraq and Afghanistan that the victims of the Boston bombing were collateral damage, in the same way innocent victims have been collateral damage in U.S. wars around the world. Summing up, that when you attack one Muslim you attack all Muslims." He didn't think that he shouldn't exact this "revenge" in light of the fact that America had been very, very good to him.

There also emerged during his trial a photograph of Dzhokhar sitting underneath the black flag of jihad and raising his right index finger in the gesture of adherence to Islamic monotheism that has become the symbol of loyalty to the Islamic State. Clearly the younger brother was as convinced and dedicated an Islamic jihadist as the elder — it is hard to imagine that if he weren't, he would have gone along with Tamerlan's mass murder plot, no matter how much he adored him.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev should never have become a jihadist, if the mainstream view of what creates jihadists were remotely true: he was not poor, he was not uneducated, he was not deprived of opportunities. In fact, he had it all. And what do you get for the young jihadi who has everything? Apparently, a pressure cooker bomb packed with nails.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the 21 year old Boston bomber, was found guilty on Wednesday of killing 3 and injuring 260. The Federal Court will now decide if they send him to get his 72 virgins or let him rot in a cell for the rest of his natural days.

His mother has furiously blasted Americans and promised that the US "*will pay*" for convicting her "*innocent*" son, despite the fact that he admitted to the 2013 attack, stating - "*The terrorists are the Americans and everyone knows it," Zubeidat charged. "My son is the best of the best.*"

'We're real bad bitches': ISIS-inspired NYC women considered targeting slain NYPD officer's funeral with DIY bomb.

Queens roommates Noelle Velentzas and Asia Siddiqui were arrested Thursday after an investigation dating back to May 2013. Velentzas and Siddiqui conducted research on how to build an explosive device and plotted attacks on targets like a military base. They also considered blowing up the funeral of NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos. Siddiqui once published a jihad-themed poem in the Al-Qaeda publication Jihad Recollections, referred to Osama bin Laden as her hero and praised the September 11 attacks. During a meeting with an informant, Velentzas allegedly pulled a knife from her bra and said 'Why can't we be some real bad bitches?'

To ensure Islam is in no way held accountable, "moderate Muslims" have declared the women are not real Muslims, thus preserving Islam's impeccable image as "the Religion of Peace".

Videos of the week

Pat Condell - A word to rioting Muslims

Pat Condell with one of his funniest and most passionate videos to date. A must watch!!!

Website: www.patcondell.net Twitter: @patcondell

The Sound of Muslims

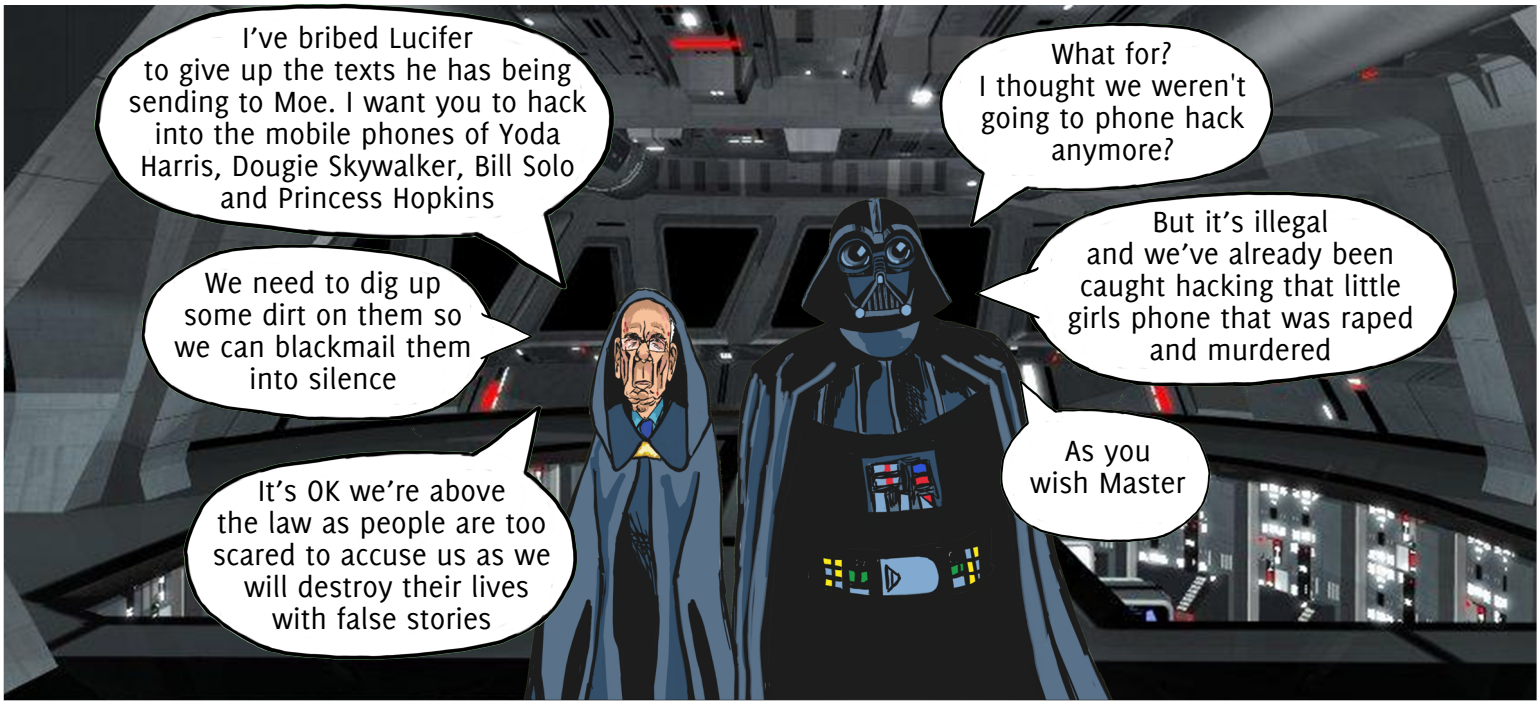
A few of my favourite things from the perfect Qur'an.

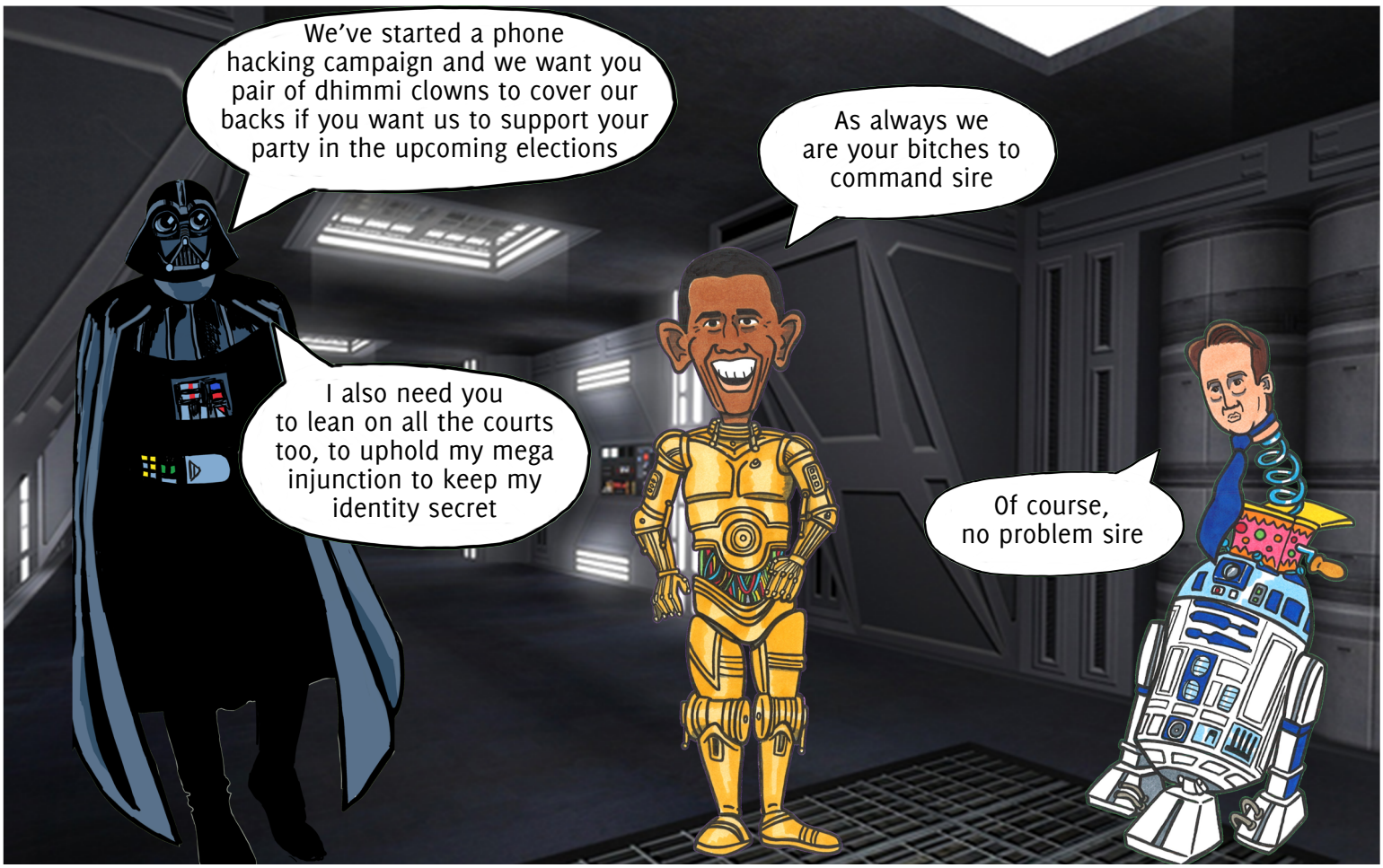
Love Letters to Richard Dawkins

Richard Dawkins - Author, Professor and Evolutionary Biologist - again reads "fan mail" he has received from some of his not-so-great admirers.

SPEECH WARS

Episode eight. Evil Emperor Murdoch is plotting to silence his critics by blackmailing them all into silence so he can continue taking backhanders from the dodgy oil barrons that are funding his third Death Star. As usual he will be getting someone else to do his dirty work. How will the Secular Alliance respond to being blackmailed? Will they fight back or not....

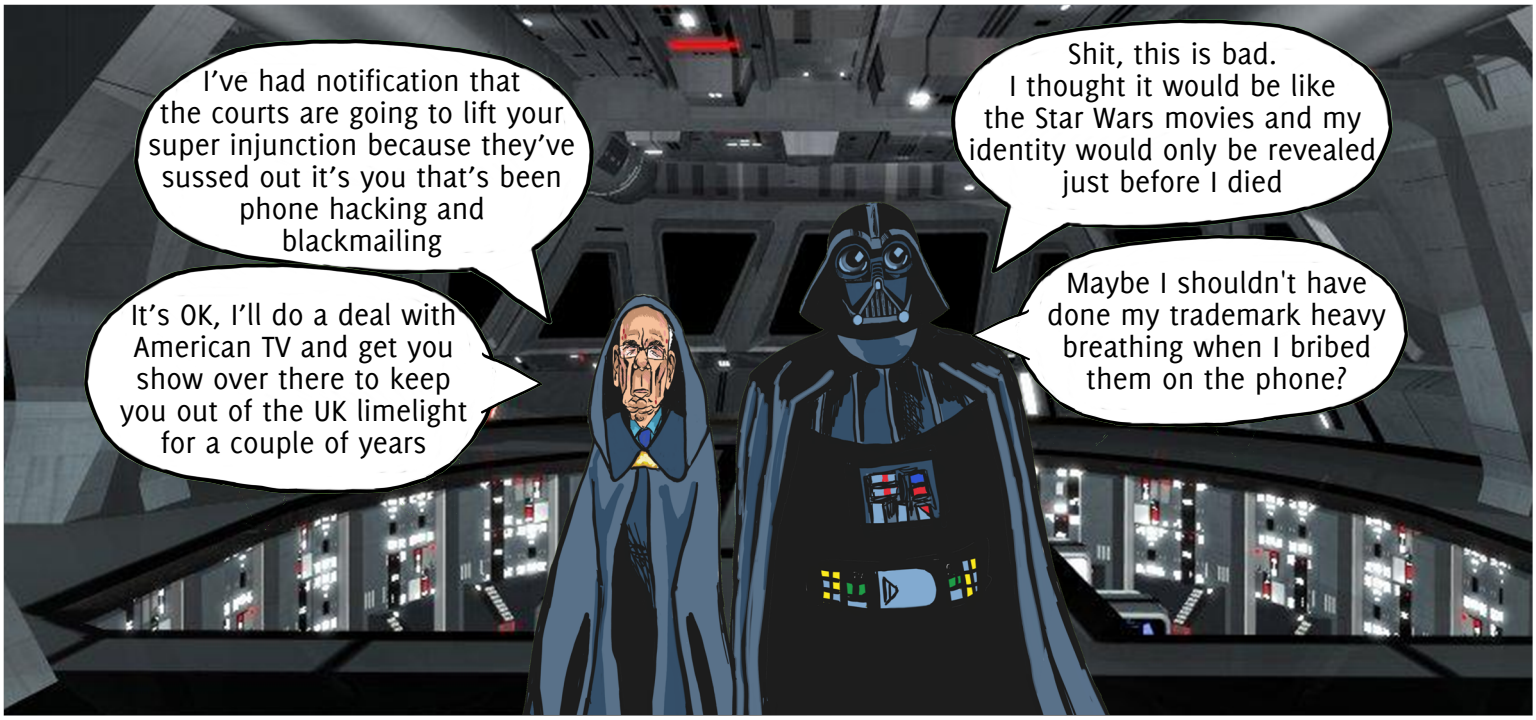


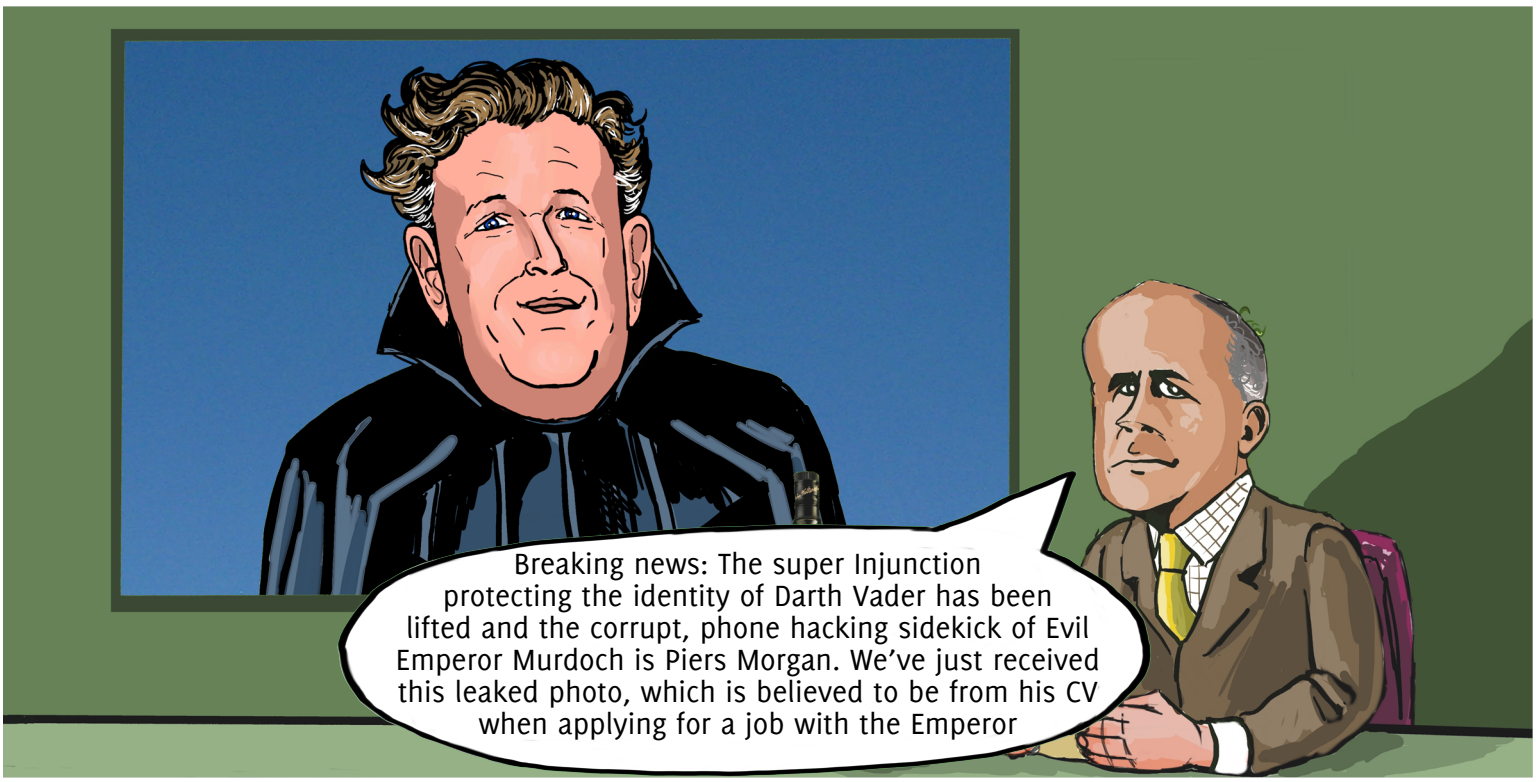


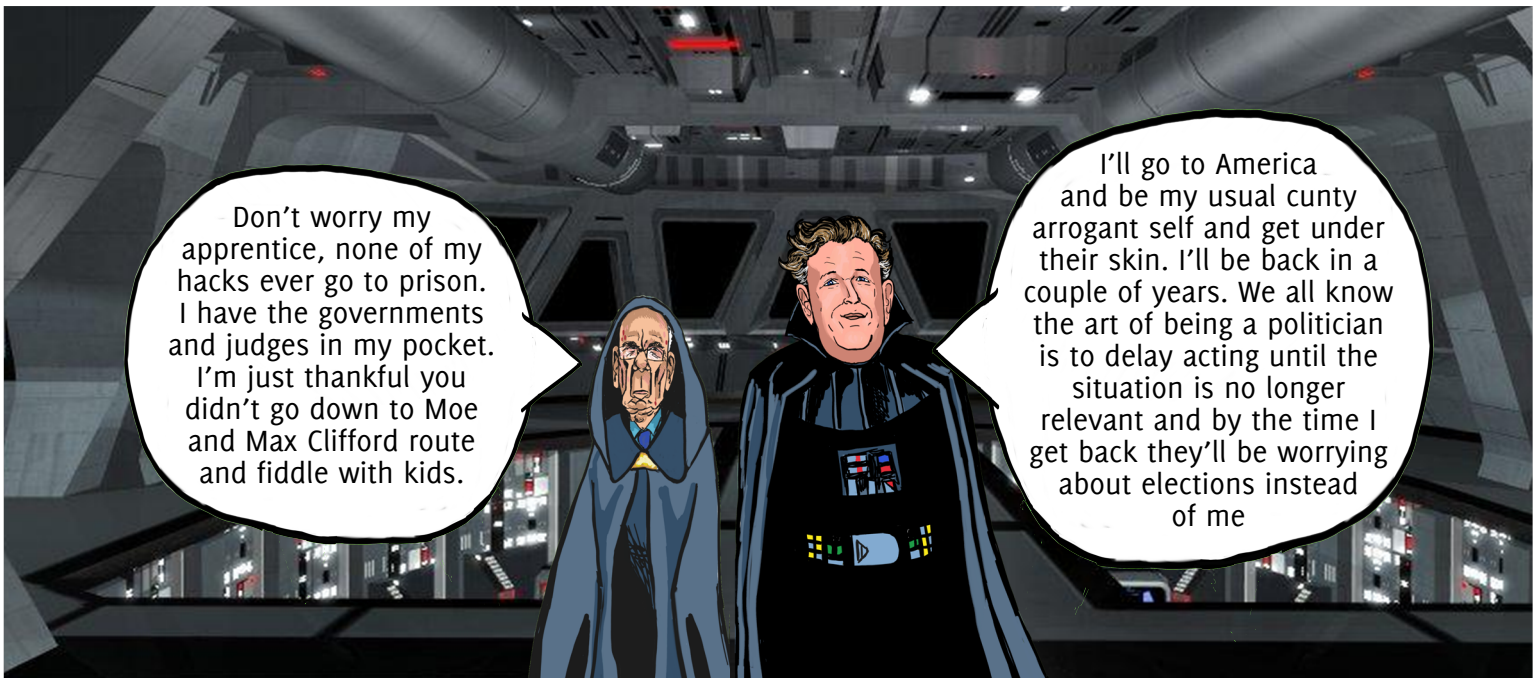
The press has been threatening to expose the hatred and bigotry in the Quran, have you had your text messages hacked or something?
I don't have a phone. I'm an illiterate savage, that gets your commands through hearing voices in my head when I'm stoned
Well someone has let the cat out of the bag and if the press expose us we'll have 1400 years of islamophobia
Well that's good a thing, calling people islamophobe and racist prevents any serious examination of my delusions

Have you been getting pissed and telling people I've been looking at frog porn again?
Dougie asked me something similar. He wanted to know if I squealed that he'd been using a sock puppet twitter account to expose some of Moe's homophobes?
That's nothing, I got a dodgy call last night saying if a don't shut my big fat gob then the press will be flooded with pics of me dogging

We need you to lift the Vader's injunction, we are getting blackmailed and we need some ammo to fight back
I'm not sure I can do that, it's a super injunction designed to protect the rich and powerful
But this blackmailing is stifling free speech and protecting the corrupt that have been phone hacking again
Oh well, that's a different matter, I'll see what I can do


I've had notification that the courts are going to lift your super injunction because they've sussed out it's you that's been phone hacking and blackmailing
Shit, this is bad. I thought it would be like the Star Wars movies and my identity would only be revealed just before I died
It's OK, I'll do a deal with American TV and get you show over there to keep you out of the UK limelight for a couple of years
Maybe I shouldn't have done my trademark heavy breathing when I bribed them on the phone?


Breaking news: The super Injunction protecting the identity of Darth Vader has been lifted and the corrupt, phone hacking sidekick of Evil Emperor Murdoch is Piers Morgan. We've just received this leaked photo, which is believed to be from his CV when applying for a job with the Emperor


Don't worry my apprentice, none of my hacks ever go to prison. I have the governments and judges in my pocket. I'm just thankful you didn't go down to Moe and Max Clifford route and fiddle with kids.
I'll go to America and be my usual cunty arrogant self and get under their skin. I'll be back in a couple of years. We all know the art of being a politician is to delay acting until the situation is no longer relevant and by the time I get back they'll be worrying about elections instead of me

DIY BLASPHEMY KIT

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Before you start, this is a harmless jumble of picture fragments, but rest assured, once you slide that final piece into place you'll become the target of over a billion humourless fuckwitts that will kill you for offending their pedo prophet.

It's obviously offensive to insult someone's war mongering pedo prophet, as raping children, killing people and hating women are admirable qualities if you're a follower of Islam.

VOICE
Victims Of Islamic Cultural Extremism

VOICE Launch Party 11th May 6.30 - 10.30 Central London. Anne Marie Waters to interview Tommy Robinson.

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JIHADIST JOOOO

Jihadist Jooo has been a very busy boy recently. In his continuing mission to make Islam look bad, he shape shifted into a gang of Muslamic terrorists and attacked the Garissa University killing 147 people, but only after separating out all the Muslim students. He then used his Zionist ray gun on a bunch of Christians in Mosul turning them into ISIS-like savages. These savages then executed a group of doctors for refusing to treat injured ISIS fighters.

Given that Islamic terrorist attacks have nothing to do with Islam and the Muslims carrying out the attacks are no longer real Muslims, the blame falls on the non-Muslims of Isntlam. This Isntlam problem has quite an impressive list of carnage.

Isntlam Roll of Honour

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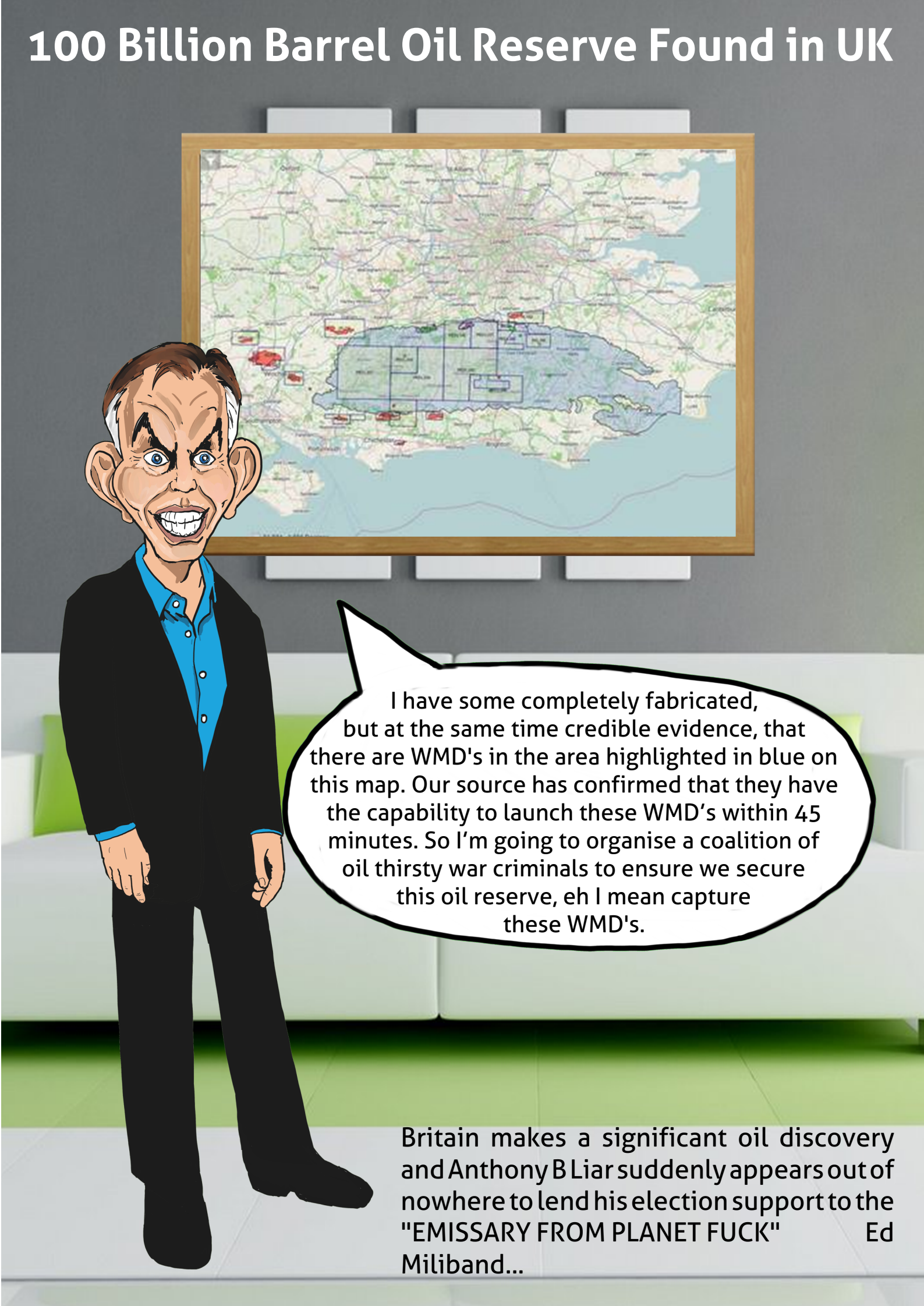
100 Billion Barrel Oil Reserve Found in UK



Britain makes a significant oil discovery and Anthony B Liar suddenly appears out of nowhere to lend his election support to the "EMISSARY FROM PLANET FUCK" Ed Miliband...

Fatwa of the week With Imam Tomeh

WIFE EATING

From the land of the bearded muppets that brought us wife beating, they have now gifted the world with wife eating.

A fatwa from the Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah, allows a man to eat his wife or parts of her body if the husband was afflicted with a severe hunger raised concern and debate over social media since yesterday evening. The Fatwa is interpreted as evidence of the sacrifice of women and obedience to her husband and her desire for the two to become one." However, there is a condition, "eating the wife" is only permitted under one circumstance, in case the husband is extremely hungry.

JIHAD-E-BAY

THE UGLY SECTION

Fugly Fatima has made a living selling photos to parents with young kids. They put her photo on the fireplace and it keeps the kids away from the fire.

Michelle is a munter on the global leader scale. It's rumoured she is so butch that she actually has a penis and has been caught out a few times to date.

Former Miss Muslamic World Fatima, has a face made for the burka. After winning the Miss Muslamic World for being the only entrant, it's all gone downhill.

ASSHOLE OF THE WEEK

In yet another shameless attempt to win votes in the upcoming election, David Cameron took to the road looking for a photo opportunity that would put him in a good light. Unfortunately for Dave, even kids don't buy his bullshit and this youngster ruined his moment.

MISSING PERSON

NAME: Aisha, but also answers to slave number 3 and wife number 3

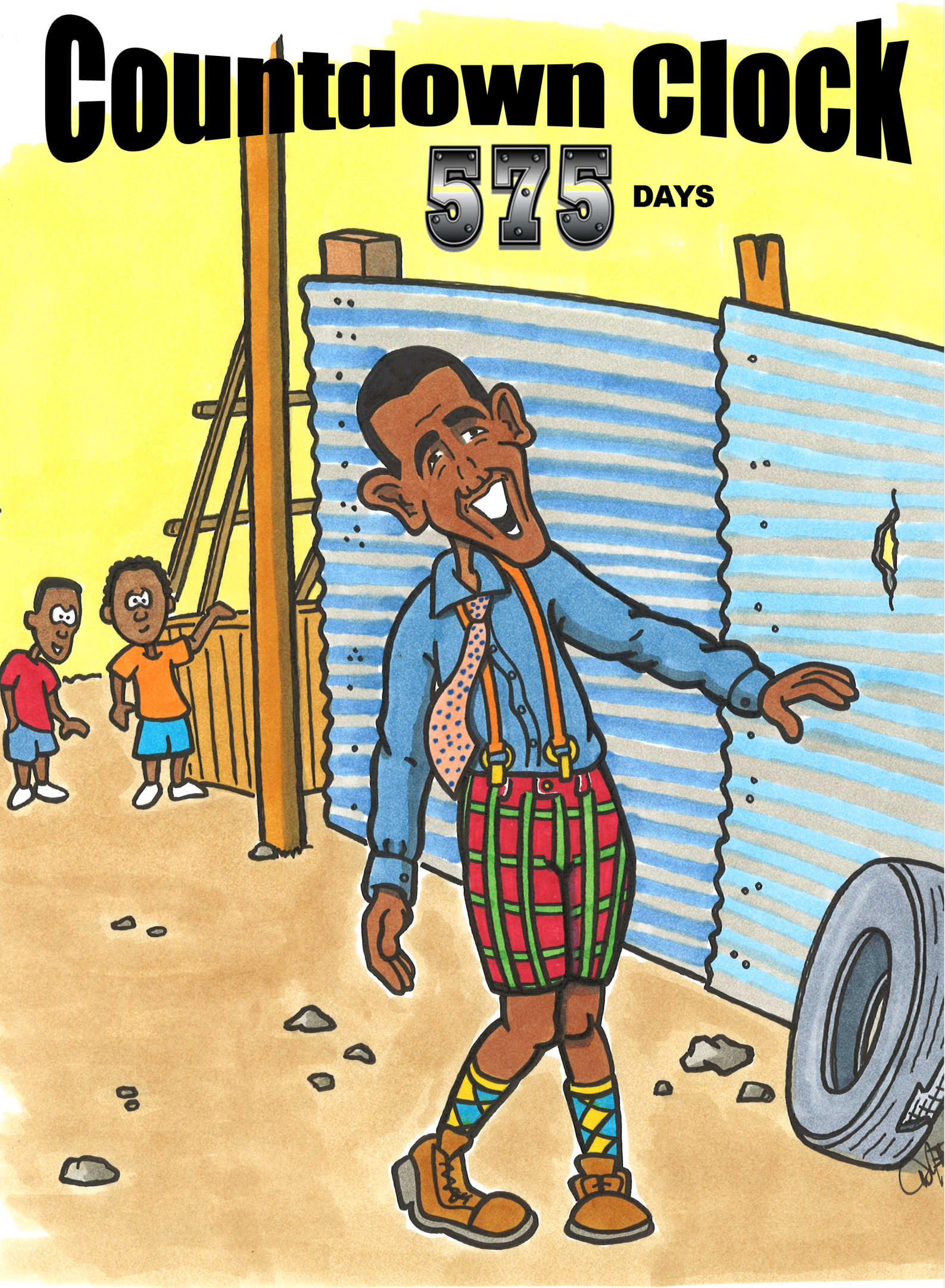
AGE: 12

HEIGHT: 4 feet 3 inches

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Brown Eyes, small hands and black bag

After 5 years of marriage her husband Abdul desperately wants her back. This is a recent photo of her playing in the park. Abdul told us that ever since she read the Quran she loves to pretend she's riding on a flying horse, just like Mohammed did.

Countdown Clock



UNTIL A VILLAGE IN KENYA GETS ITS IDIOT BACK